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MAYBE ONE DAY-Astronaut candidates view a Space Shuttle engine which may one day power them in space they qualify as astronauts at the end of training in mid-1980. Mission Specialist Sally Ride, left, is one of six women in the group who are the first females to train for roles in outer space. Ronald

E. McNair, center, is one of the first blacks to join the ranks of astronaut hopefuls. Also in the class of 35 chosen from among 8,000 applicants is Pilot David Walker. The group toured the National Space Technology Laboratories facilities in Hancock County Thursday. (Staff photo by Leslie Williams)

NASA space cadets score several firsts

By LESLIE WILLIAMS

Thirty-five astronaut candidates, including the first Black and female outer space aspirants, toured National Space Technology Laboratories (NSTL) in Hancock County Thursday to become oriented with functions of the site.

The tour was part of the candidates' curriculum for becoming astronauts.

The potential astronauts viewed the U.S. Space Shuttle fuel tank assembly area, main engine and integration of fuel tank and engine.

NASA's Space Shuttle is the organization's most recent technological advancement in space travel.

The Space Shuttle will orbit the earth obtaining information about pollution, farming and activities in other parts of the world.

"We are touring NSTL to familiarize ourselves with different aspects of the Space Shuttle, because we may be using the shuttle for voyages in space if we are accepted as astronauts when our candidacy ends in mid-1980," said Astronaut Candidate David Walker.

Walker is one of 15 pilots in the astronaut candidate group, the other 20 are mission specialists, who are basically scientists.

There are six women astronaut candidates and all are mission specialists.

The candidates, training period will last for two years, by mid-1980 final selection will be made. The majority of

candidates felt confident they would become astronauts in 1980.

Walker said there were 8,000 applicants, who applied in July 1977, from which the 35 candidates were chosen in January 1978.

Criteria for selection was based upon, our qualifications and ability to work together, said Walker.

"There are about 62 astronauts in the United States now, if you include us

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Columbian crash adds to Anderson mystery

By RICH ADAMS
and GERALYN MILLS

Reports of a Columbian plane crash in which no bodies were found raises the possibility Stennis Field operator Mel Anderson might still be alive.

A ranking U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration official late last week added further mystery to the Oct. 14 disappearance of TransAm President Mel Anderson with a report of the crash in Columbia in which no bodies were found.

Jim Bland of New Orleans, DEA special agent for four southern states including Mississippi, said Thursday Columbian authorities reported a plane crashed upon takeoff in Columbia and burned.

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TIDES

DAY	HIGH	LOW
WEEK OF 12-3-78		
Sun.	12:56 a.m.	12:31 p.m.
Mon.	1:41 a.m.	1:17 p.m.
Tues.	2:24 a.m.	1:46 p.m.
Wed.	2:54 a.m.	1:57 p.m.
Thurs.	2:53 a.m.	1:46 p.m.
Fri.	9:49 p.m.	1:41 p.m.
Sat.	8:58 p.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sun.	8:53 p.m.	8:08 a.m.
	9:15 p.m.	7:59 a.m.

"Columbian authorities reported a plane, not identified by authorities, crashed upon takeoff and burned. No bodies were found," Bland added.

Anderson entered into contract with Hancock County in July as fixed-base operator at Stennis Field, along with associate Edd Conn.

Conn was ousted from the corporation after it was revealed he was indicted in an arson case in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

In October, Conn was indicted in connection with a Thomasville, Ga., drug smuggling scheme.

Bland refused to comment when asked if Conn was associated with the DEA.

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He said Conn is not under DEA investigation involving Anderson's disappearance.

NEWS BULLETIN

Hancock County Sheriff Sylvan Ladner Saturday reported he has been notified by Slidell, La. attorney that George Wilfred (Bill) Nelson—reported missing and presumed drowned when his fishing boat was found empty in the Mississippi Sound off Bay St. Louis Oct. 34 is alive. The attorney requested any searches for Nelson be discontinued by agencies involved.

County jail addition relieves overcrowding

By RICH ADAMS

A new cell at Hancock County Jail and extension of the prisoner's exercise yard was completed last week, adding area to house four additional prisoners in the outdated facility.

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house prisoners from Bay St. Louis and Waveland Police Departments, Mississippi Highway Patrol, the Game and Fish Commission, and the Mississippi Seafood Commission," Ladner explained.

Gene Rogers from the Criminal Justice Planning Division was in Bay St. Louis Wednesday to turn the new cell over to Sheriff Ladner. Rogers' office supplied a \$1,555 grant to aide in contracting the cell.

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NEW JAIL CELL—Billy Ellis, left, representing the Criminal Justice Planning Division of the governor's office; Hancock County Sheriff Sylvan Ladner; Gene Rogers, also with the governor's office; and Bay St. Louis Contractor Robbie Artigues, right, officially mark completion last week of a new four-man jail cell constructed by Artigues Construction Company. The new facility sits behind the old jail, which is being demolished. (Staff photo by Rich Adams)

News Briefs

SSC BAND BOOSTERS

The St. Stanislaus Band Boosters annual Christmas fund raising social is Monday in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bay St. Louis. Charles Staehle, president of the organization, said door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. Tickets for the event are \$1 and may be purchased from band members or Band Boosters.

HIGH UTILITY PRICES

Geraldine Lang, secretary and spokeswoman for Concerned Citizens of Bay St. Louis reports and all out effort is being made to secure as many names as possible by Dec. 6 on a petition to be submitted to Bay St. Louis Mayor Larry Bennett in addition to 47 given the Bay official early last month. The petitions are requesting lower utility rates. Copies of the petitions are destined for Jackson and Washington. For further information, call Ms. Lang at 467-9300.

Mississippi I-10 completion still two years away: Tabb

By EDGAR PEREZ

Three gaps remain under construction in the Mississippi Interstate Highway System — 18 miles of I-10 in Jackson County; 14 miles of I-110 in Harrison County; and 11 miles of I-220 around Jackson.

State Highway Department Director John Tabb said all three incomplete segments will meet Department of Transportation deadlines to avoid any funds cutoffs.

"As a matter of fact, Mississippi may be eligible for additional money from some \$1.2 billion which has been returned to the Department of Transportation by other states which have failed to obligate their total Interstate allocations.

Tabb said completion of the 18 miles

of I-10 between Hwy. 57 east of Ocean Springs and the Alabama line will require "at least two years, maybe more."

The highway director said all bridges on the stretch are under construction, "and by the first of the year, all paving contracts will have been let."

He noted however, completion of the remaining stretch of I-110 spur between the beach and I-10, "is considerably further away than two years."

Tabb said he visited with Biloxi officials last week to discuss the highway project.

"This section passes through the urban area, must cross the L&N Railroad and US-90 for its exits and entrance ramps on the south side of the highway," Tabb said.

Public hearings are still to be conducted on several of the problems to be faced by the I-110 construction, Tabb noted.

A nine mile section of I-220 is scheduled for completion in December.

Burglary suspects arrested

By ELLIS CUEVAS

Two men are being held by New Orleans police in connection with the burglary of two Waveland businesses, according to Investigator Robert Tartavoule of the Waveland Police Department.

Georgettes Dress Shop was burglarized Nov. 28 and Charles and Ramona's Lounge was hit on Nov. 29, police reported.

The two suspects, Nicola (Speedy) Thomas Petroff, US-90, Bay St. Louis, and Mike Billie Enzor, Fairmont, NC., were arrested Wednesday evening at the Sands Motel on Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans, according to Tartavoule, and are being held by the New Orleans Police on fugitive warrants from Waveland for the alleged burglaries.

The initial investigations into the breakins were made by Waveland officer Terry Tartavoule at Georgettes and Allen James at Charles and Ramona's.

Investigator Tartavoule stated that some of the items taken in the burglaries have been returned to the owners.

Reportedly taken from Georgettes was a calculator and some small change. A Colt 38, cigarettes, vending machine change, sandwiches, cigars and one bottle of Tequila were missing from Charles and Ramona's, according to Tartavoule.

Waveland Investigator Sandra Henley, Tartavoule, New Orleans Police Sgt. Richard Hughes, Detectives David Morales, Chester Cooke and Jay Saacks apprehended Petroff and Enzor at the Motel.

Rand D. Riedrich

County gets new forester

By LESLIE WILLIAMS

Rand D. Riedrich has been appointed Hancock County Forester by the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

Riedrich will be responsible for managing the forest growth in Hancock County School District sixteenth section land.

Riedrich said he will try to make sixteenth section land as productive as possible.

"Hancock County has a land mass of approximately 300,000 acres, of this total, one of every 36 square miles in Hancock County is sixteenth section land, which belongs to the Hancock County School District," said Riedrich.

Riedrich added, "Nearly 70 percent of Hancock County is forest."

Riedrich will oversee growth of timberland for private property owners in Hancock County, as well as the school district's sixteenth section land.

Supervising fire fighting in forest land in the county during the fire season

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Marie Cuevas and Terry Necaise wed in Annunciation nuptials

Miss Marie Darlene Cuevas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy A. Cuevas of Kiln, and Terry Louis Necaise, son of Mrs. Betty Jean Necaise of Gulfport and the late Vernon Necaise, were married Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18, at a Nuptial Mass at Annunciation Catholic Church, Kiln.

Father Austin Walsh, S.T., performed the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with branched candelabra and arrangements of white fuchsia mums, tangerine carnations, peach pom poms, baby's breath and wheat.

Commentators were David Mauffray of Hattiesburg, cousin of the bride, and Sister Dolores Coleman, DC, Mrs. Olive Mc Kenna, organist, and Mrs. Lana Noonan, vocalist, both of Bay St. Louis, presented a program of nuptial music.

Jared Page and Rodney Necaise, brothers of the groom, and Jimmy Candebat carried the offertory gift.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal length quiana gown fashioned with a high neckline, fitted sleeves and chapel length train.

The sheer bodice was adorned with Venise lace appliques trimmed in seed pearls. Her Camelot headpiece of Venise lace re-embroidered with seed pearls, held a cathedral length train of bridal illusion edged in matching lace.

She carried a cascade bouquet of white and peach silk roses and lily of the valley, white sweetheart roses

and silk English ivy. Brenda Cuevas attended her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Bea Wiggins, Hattiesburg; Ann Olinger, Long Beach; Anita Lenape, Moss Point; and Barbara Barkley, Waveland. Kimberly Williams of Gulfport, niece of the groom was flower girl.

The maid of honor and flower girl wore a peach polyester formal gowns and the bridesmaids wore copper polyester gowns fashioned with chiffon capes trimmed with satin ribbons.

They wore headpieces of baby's breath and carried sheaves of wheat with peach silk roses and baby's breath.

Johnny Necaise attended his brother as best man.

Groomsmen were Greg Hoda,

cousin of the groom, and Anthony Necaise, brother of the groom, both of Gulfport; Richard Hoda, Kiln, uncle of the groom; and Sonny Fulton, Dallas, Tex.

Ushers were Timmy Brister, Moss Point, cousin of the bride, and Kevin Hoda, Gulfport, cousin of the groom.

Randy Cuevas of Bay St.

Louis, cousin of the bride, served as ringbearer.

The mother of the bride wore a formal gown of apricot polyester overlaid with a chiffon cape; and the mother of the groom chose a sea-foam green floor length gown fashioned with a chiffon capelet. Both mothers were orchid corsages.

A reception was held at Jourdan River Shores Club House, where the bride's table, overlaid with a white

lace cloth over peach, held a six tier cake topped with a dove ornament, flanked by candleabra and arrangements of peach and white pom poms and baby's breath.

Elaine Mauffray of Bir-

mingham, Ala., and Mrs. Roy Cuevas, Bay St. Louis, aunts of the bride, presided at the punch table.

Others assisting at the

reception were Mrs. Gussy

Cuevas, Bay St. Louis, aunt of the bride; Ruby Pardue, Birmingham, Ala.; and Mrs. C.J. Cameron, Kiln, the bride's cousin.

Tea girls were Melanie Cuevas, Rachalle Cuevas, cousins of the bride; Belinda Cameron, Kiln; and Tammy and Melanie Hoda, Gulfport, cousins of the groom. Terri Brister, of Moss Point kept the guest register.

For her wedding trip to the Gulf Coast, the bride picked a two piece champagne en-

semble with wine accessories and a corsage of matching silk roses.

The couple will reside in Eatontown, N.J., where the groom is serving with the U.S. Navy on the USS Surribachi.

Among out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Wheat and family, Baton Rouge, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brister and family, Moss Point; Elaine Mauffray and Ruby Pardue, Bir-

mingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mauffray, and Mrs. Edwin Geni, Picayune; Mr. and Mrs. David Mauffray, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wiggins, Hattiesburg; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoda and family, Mrs. Josie Garriga, Darryl Mauffray and Mrs. Pearl Bennett, Gulfport; Jim Schott, Oxford, Miss.; Mrs. Marguerite Boesch, Brother Kenny Boesch, Mrs. Shirley Mc Ollister, Mrs. Genieve Ridall, all of New Orleans, La.; and Louis Bennett, Pass Christian.



MR. AND MRS. TERRY LOUIS NECAISE

F. J. Wesselman marries Susan Japp in Houston

William Wesselman, brother of the groom.

After a wedding trip to Denver, Colo., the couple will reside in Houston.

Ringbearer was James Wesselman, brother of the

Father Richard Paulissen,

uncle of the groom, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Japp of Gainesville, Tex.

Mr. Wesselman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesselman of Bay St. Louis.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a designer's gown of white organza and Chantilly lace fashioned with a Queen Anne neckline. The full skirt fell softly from the empire waistline into a three-tiered deep lace flounce extending to back fullness which formed a cathedral length train.

Her fingertip veil of illusion was held by a head piece of matching lace, and she carried a bouquet of maroon and pink carnations and baby's breath.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Connie Winkler and Mathew Harrington attended the groom as best man. Ushers were Jerry Japp, brother of the bride, and



MRS. FRANCIS JOSEPH WESSELMAN

Echoes WEDDING INVITATIONS

The Flower Show Committee of Bay-Waveland Garden Club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Fred Logan, 108 Lafitte Drive, Waveland.

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Health agency seeks '79 children's art

Children's art for Christmas Seals will again be featured in 1980, announced Donald M. Dana, Jr., of Long Beach, president of the Mississippi Lung Association.

Rev. Nathan Barber performed the double ring ceremony and Mrs. Brenda Scafidi presented a program of nuptial music.

Given in marriage by the groom's father, the bride wore a formal gown of white peau de soie overlaid with silk

organza fashioned in Spain. The bodice featured a neckline trimmed with wide lace and short sleeves edged with matching lace. Her cathedral length veil of illusion, outlined with applied lace roses, fell from a headpiece of matching lace. She carried a nosegay of blue roses with miniature blue daisies edged in seed pearls.

Miss Cynthia Ainsworth, sister of the groom, was maid of honor and Ralph Ainsworth attended his brother as best man.

Following the ceremony a

reception was held in the church fellowship hall.

Health agency seeks

'79 children's art

Mississippi Children's Christmas Seal Art Project continues to increase", Dana stated. "We are grateful to the art and classroom teachers for their cooperation and interest and we commend the students for their creative work."

Mississippi Christmas Seal artists include Karen Comer of Fulton, 1975; Carlton McCurry of Greenville, 1977; Ted Fruitt Allen, II, of Magee, 1978 and Stacy Lantrip of Batesville, 1979.

Dana concluded that the 1980 Christmas Seal art project is co-sponsored by the National Art Education Association and the American Lung Association.

Additional information may be obtained from the Mississippi Lung Association, Post Office Box 9865, Jackson, 39206.

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Bourgeois, Hamm engagement told

Lt. Colonel (ret) and Mrs. Randolph C. Bourgeois of Bay St. Louis, Miss., announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Ann, to Michael J. Hamm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton H. Hamm of Gulfport, Miss.

The bride-elect is a graduate of James W. Robinson High School, Fairfax, Va., and Longwood College, Farmville, Va., where she was president of Longwood College Panhellenic Council and a member of Alpha Phi Social Sorority. She is presently employed in the Consultation and Education Department at the Gulf Coast Mental Health Center, Gulfport.

Mrs. Bourgeois is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frank Larosa of Bay St. Louis and the late Randolph Bourgeois

Raboteau wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Raboteau Jr. of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Lillian, to Michael George Johnson, son of Mrs. Emma Mae Johnson of Baton Rouge, La., and the late Albert Johnson.

The bride-elect is a 1977 graduate of Bay St. Louis Senior High School.

The prospective groom, a

graduate of White Castle High School, Baton Rouge, is presently serving with the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Keesler AFB.

The marriage will be solemnized at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 9, at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, Bay St. Louis, with a reception following in St. Rose cafeteria.

Relatives and friends are hereby invited to attend.



LISA RABOTEAU

State Garden Clubs offer December planting hints

By MRS. C. H. WOOD

DECEMBER GARDEN GUIDE

In December, cooler weather begins to slow gardening activities. There is still plenty to be done. If you still have tulip bulbs in your refrigerator that have been precooled, plant them now. For best effect, mass them by variety and color.

Leaves must be raked off the lawn to keep the grass from being smothered. Accumulated leaves deprive the grass of sunlight, hindering the grass to remain green and healthy as it goes into dormancy.

Now is a good time to sketch out major landscape changes you would like to make so that you can begin planting ornamental trees and shrubs, roses, fruit trees, nut trees, woody vines, blueberries, strawberries, blackberries, bunch grapes and muscadines, and woody ground covers.

In addition, you can begin transplanting those evergreens that have outgrown their location or those that receive incorrect light or are in incorrect soil. You can propagate many woody plants from hardwood cuttings collected this month. Among those easiest to propagate many woody plants from hardwood cuttings collected this month. Among those easiest to propagate from cuttings are crepe myrtle, abelia, flowering

quince, forsythia, and hydrangea.

Limit pruning to mildly shaping and thinning to get trees and shrubs ready for winter weather ahead. Leave severe pruning until late winter, just before the plants will be putting on new growth.

Continue to mow lawns of ryegrass and fescue weekly. Fertilize the winter lawn every 6 to 8 weeks with 16-4-8 or similar complete fertilizer.

You can still set our pansies to add color to flowerbeds and as borders for deciduous shrubs.

To prolong the period of enjoyment of a potted poinsettia, select a plant with tiny flowers in the center that are just beginning to open. Place the plant in good light away from drafts and keep it well watered.

There are other potted flowers that can brighten your home this holiday season and make spring seem a little less distant after the holidays are

HISTORY OF FLIGHT

Cliff Robertson hosts a one-hour special on mankind's persistent fascination—flight. "A Place of Dreams" can be seen at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 13, on the Mississippi ETV Network. The program is a history of modern flight and a celebration of the building which houses the machines which made the dreams of

independent men and women possible. That building is the National Air and Space Museum, and exhibits from many of the museum's exhibit halls are included in the program. Also utilized are vintage photographs, early newsfilm of flight's pioneers and close-up examinations of the museum's collection of aircraft and spacecraft.



RENEE BOURGEOIS AND MICHAEL HAMM

Stiglets host family dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stiglet hosted a family dinner November 10 at their Main Street home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jaquillard.

Attending were the Jaquillard's daughters Buffy and Anissa, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jaquillard, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brokmeyer and daughter Shawn, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chapman Jr., John Necessaire and sons John and Scott, Buddy, John and Connie Stiglet, Keith Ladner, Miss Mary Murphy and Mrs. Vera Brewer.

Brune, Schultz plan wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Glen N. Brune of Ocean Springs, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rhonda Lee, to Truman A. Schultz Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Schultz Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

The marriage will be solemnized at 2 p.m. Dec. 10 in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Bay St. Louis. A reception will immediately follow at Bennie French's Tavern, Henderson Point.

Relatives and friends are invited through this medium.



SPEC. 4 E.X. SMITH

Spec. 4 Ernest X. Smith Jr., whose wife Lynne lives in Pass Christian, recently participated in Gallant Eagle 79, a joint readiness exercise at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

More than 25,000 troops from all four services and the Army and Air Force Reserves and National Guard participated in the month-long exercise.

Smith is regularly assigned as a military policeman with the 65th Military Police Company at Fort Bragg, N.C. He entered the Army in December, 1975.

The specialist is a 1974 graduate of Pass Christian High School.

His mother, Mrs. Thelma M. Smith, lives at 379 Fleetwood Ave., Pass Christian. His father, Ernest X. Smith, lives at 4315 Kennon Ave., New Orleans, La.

Corps files aquatic plant control report

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Mobile announced that a final environmental impact statement and a statement of findings recommending continuation of the aquatic plant control program have been filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The program provides for management and control of aquatic plants in the navigable waters, tributary streams, connecting channels, and other allied waters of the Mobile district.

This area includes the drainage basins of the Pearl, Pascagoula, Black Warrior-Tombigbee, Alabama-Coosa, Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint, St. Marks and intervening river systems, and a section of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from the Rigoles in Louisiana to St. Marks, Florida.

The objective of the aquatic plant control program is to

restore balance to the aquatic ecosystem and to permit unrestricted use of the water resource.

Control measures consist of approved chemicals, chemicals, biological control organisms, mechanical methods, and combinations.

The final statement was prepared after careful review of the comments received from various federal, state, and local agencies as required by Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Interested individuals and groups can obtain a copy of the final environmental statement by writing or telephoning the Army Corps of Engineers District Office at Mobile.

Written requests should be addressed to the U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, ALA 36628; telephone requests should be made to (205) 690-2721.



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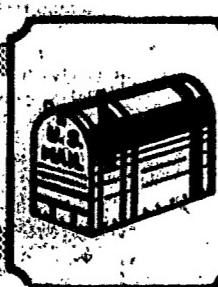
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LETTERS To The Editor



UW thanks Echo for aid

December 1, 1978
The Sea Coast Echo

Dear Ellis:

Thank you for the tremendous support you and your staff gave us throughout the 1978 Hancock County United Way campaign.

The Sea Coast Echo was our primary channel for reaching the citizens of Hancock County and with your assistance we did just that by working together to effectively present the facts about the United Way of Hancock county.

Your excellent features on our agencies, fund raising activities and

campaign progress reports focused public attention and interest on the 1978 campaign.

All the publicity the Sea Coast Echo provided, coupled with the tireless and unselfish work of a relatively small group of dedicated volunteers, resulted in the 1978 campaign receiving more pledges and contributions than ever before.

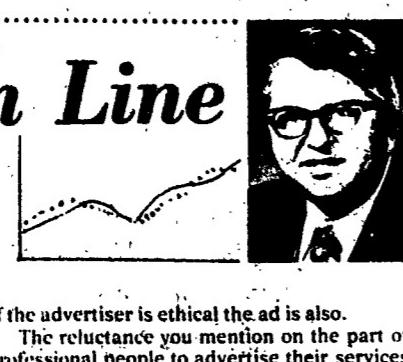
Thanks again for all of the help you gave us this year.

Sincerely,
Wayne Ducomb, Jr.
1978 Hancock County
United Way Campaign
Chairman

The Bottom Line

Candid Answers To Your Questions
About Advertising and Business Topics.

By S. GALE DENLEY
Associate Professor of Journalism
University of Mississippi



I saw that professional people were now allowed to advertise, but I haven't seen any yet. What's the deal? Just Curious.

Dear JC: Court divisions have overruled professional groups' ban on advertising for their members.

But as you observe, most practitioners have not begun to take advantage of their new freedom. They will.

Originally, advertising by "professionals" was banned because a few charlatans were attempting to dupe a gullible public through questionable promotions.

The attitude the groups managed to foster to combat these questionable practices was advertising by professionals as unethical.

This premise is, of course, *prima facie* nonsense. Advertising is not ethical or unethical—it is not moral, immoral or amoral. Advertising has no character, except that of the advertiser. For advertising is simply a projection of the business or professional man into the marketplace.

If the advertiser is unethical—so is the ad.

Space Cadets ...

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candidates," said Walker, "and about 27 if you don't."

Walker said he thinks the last group of astronaut candidates was chosen in 1968.

In generally describing the candidates, Walker said of himself and others in the group, "I think we're all basically success oriented type folks, who want to get the job done."

Astronaut Candidate Guion S. Bluford, classified as a mission specialist said, "The group is just a nice bunch of people we have, compatible personalities, yet we are very different."

"Since we started our candidacy together we have spent approximately 50 percent of our time together in

classes and 60 percent of our time together socially, participating in sport activities," continued Bluford.

Bluford said ages in the group range from 25 to 40 years.

"Average age of the group would be in the early 30's," Bluford said.

Astronaut Candidate Sally Ride, mission specialist, agreed that the candidates are a "great group."

Theoretically speaking Ride said, "If I become an astronaut, and if I am selected to go on a space mission on the Space Shuttle, I would like to bring an x-ray telescope with me so I could look for black holes on the sun."

"To me, observing black holes would mean further confirmation of Einstein's Theory of Relativity," commented the candidate.

Ride said she doesn't think the Space Shuttle will have an x-ray telescope on it in 1980 though.

Because both men and women are in the group, some speculation may occur about the type of interaction that exists in the group, but Walker, and Bluford both agree that there is no sexual activity within the group.

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Years Away...

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"job," Blake said.
Text of Blake's column follows:

THE INTERSTATE SITUATION

By ED BLAKE

With the decline and fall of the U.S. Railway system, the nation's farmers depend more heavily than ever on the nation's highways — both for receiving production supplies and equipment and for delivering what they produce through marketing systems.

Farmers in the thirties and forties sought to get their wheels out of the mud and were successful in creating the farm-to-market roadway concept which has opened up the backroads into mostly hard-surfaced roadways which have spurred development of the nation.

And while all Americans can claim a share in the victory over mud, road development in the period of the seventies still is ironically mired down in the struggle to complete an interstate system.

Missing links in the system today are bottlenecking the movement of people and goods at great financial cost. Further, countless lives are lost annually because so many construction units are stalled.

Throughout the U.S. around 3,000 miles of the designated 42,500 mile Interstate Highway System are still not open to traffic, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation, 22 years after the system was first authorized.

The '78 Congress tried to spur the project along with passage of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act which authorized nearly \$13.5 billion for Interstate completion through 1982.

And all those idle gaps on the nation's roadways will be erased from the drawing boards if construction on them has not begun by September 30, 1988.

The national system of interstate highways was created by Congress in 1956 as the most ambitious, visible public works project in transportation. It was anticipated that the system would be completed six years ago at a cost of \$37 billion.

But sadly, today the project is bogged down in countless places while costs have escalated to nearly \$69 billion.

Factors responsible for the added costs include an additional 1,500 miles added in 1968 to the initial 41,000 mile system. Also, safety and design standards have been increased.

Social and environmental factors have taken a toll. New legislation requiring relocation assistance for homes and assistance for home and businesses, beautification and landscaping, erosion control, sound barriers and rest areas facilities has set five-year projects back an additional two years.

The Highway Users Federation reports that inflation has sent highway construction costs up to the point where today's highway dollar buys less than half of what it did ten years ago.

Construction delays created by opposition to Interstate segments, litigation, and the processing of environmental impact statements have been major factors in stretching out the completion time for many of the unfinished miles.

On some highway jobs delays cost as much as \$10,000 a day, according to a Department of Transportation official.

Public safety is a major reason that we need to get on with the program, according to Highway Users Federation president Peter Koltnow who reports that incomplete gaps in the system have had fatality and injury rates more than twice that of the completed portions.

Putting the matter in figures literally, the National Safety Council believes that around 800 lives and 50,000 injuries will be spared annually once the Interstate system is complete — a rather compelling reason for getting on with the job.

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Forester...

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of November through April is another task of the forester.

"As much as 400 arsons a year are committed in forest land in Hancock County," disclosed Reidrich, "one of my objectives while I am forester will be to reduce the number of arsons."

"Arsonists are difficult to convict though. Two eye-witnesses must actually see the crime committed before a conviction will hold," he continued.

Reidrich, 24, of New Orleans was appointed to his position on Sept. 1. He received a bachelor of science degree in forestry from Louisiana Tech University.

Reidrich has worked for several forestry services in the United States and the New Zealand Forest Service.

Reidrich said he will also be glad to advise Hancock County private property owners on how to best manage forest growth on their lands, if they need assistance.

Reidrich's office is located at the Hancock County Court House in Bay St. Louis.

Opinion
The editorial page



POTENTIAL ASTRONAUTS - Thirty-five astronaut candidates, of whom five are women and two black, gather in front of building 1100 at the National Space Technology Laboratories (NSTL) prior to a tour of the facility. The group was selected in January from 8,000 other applicants. Candidates who qualify

will become full-fledged astronauts in mid-1980. The group is comprised of 15 pilots and 35 mission specialists. The candidates visited NSTL Friday to familiarize themselves and increase their general knowledge of the facility's functions.

McDonnell named MCAFA proxy

Capt. John McDonnell, commander of the Naval Oceanographic Office at Hancock County's National Space Technology Laboratories was named 1979 president of the Mississippi Coast Association of Federal Administrators.

McDonnell was named to the presidency in awards and election ceremonies at the Keesler Air Force Base Officer's Club in Biloxi Thursday.

He was 1978 vice-president of the MCAFA, which represents more than 60 federal agencies on the Gulf Coast.

McDonnell replaces outgoing president Maj. Gen. John S. Putsay, commander of Keesler Technical Training Center.

Also at the ceremonies, Lucy Bickham, a Keesler Air Force Base supervisory training instructor in military administration was named Gulf Coast Federal Employee of the Year.

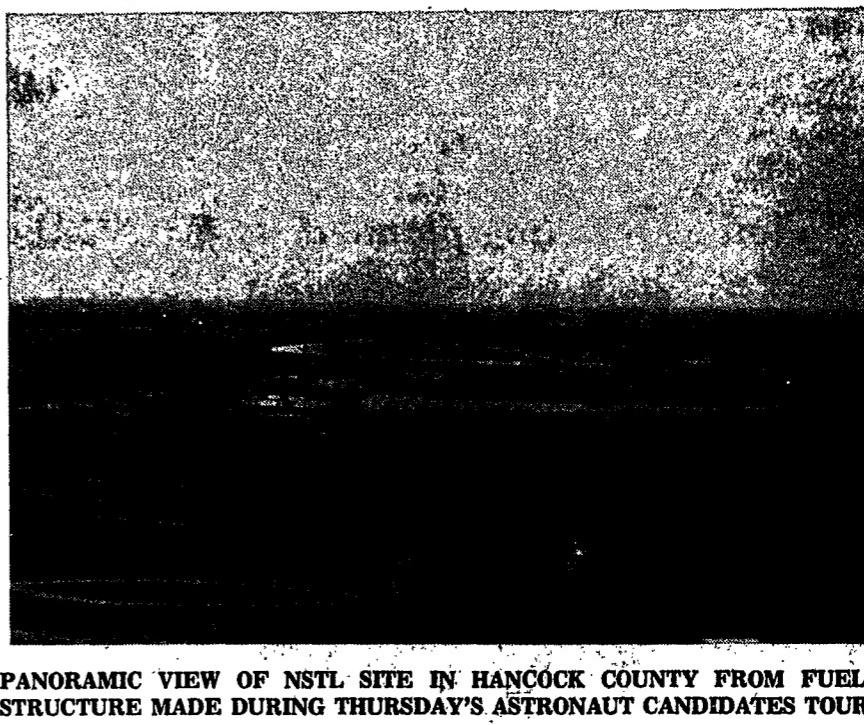
Ms. Bickham was one of six nominees considered by the MCAFA. She was cited for her leadership abilities in upgrading training environment, in creatively using professional audio aids and in developing curricula.

She was also recognized for the leading role she had taken in the Federal Women's Program.

Virginia M. Capone, a supervisory clinical nurse at Keesler, was runner-up.

Dr. Wilma J. Knox, a clinical psychologist at Biloxi's Veteran's Administration Center, was second runner-up.

Guest speaker was David Caldwell, regional director of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Atlanta. He spoke on implementation of the Civil Service reform act.



PANORAMIC VIEW OF NSTL SITE IN HANCOCK COUNTY FROM FUEL STRUCTURE MADE DURING THURSDAY'S ASTRONAUT CANDIDATES TOUR.



FUEL TANK-Astronaut candidates David Walker, left, and Guion S. Bluford, far right, and other candidates in the background discuss the Space Shuttle fuel tank at the NSTL site in Hancock County. The candidates said they were very impressed with the site. Only 35 of 8,000 applicants qualified to become astronaut candidates. (Staff Photo-Leslie Williams)

Health Tips

MISSISSIPPI ECONOMIC COUNCIL — THE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

all agencies and employees based on productivity.

—Remove political influence in all cases where such influence impedes the efficiency of state government operation.

—Encourage the recruitment of the most competent employees through an organized continuing effort.

—Establish a career system based solely on merit.

—Link personnel management more closely to the state's budgeting processes.

—Move toward provision of adequate compensation for all positions on a basis comparable to business and similar public units.

—Provide extensive education and training opportunities and programs for employees.

—Improved middle- and upper-management development and recruitment.

—Create a standard data base to reflect accurate numbers of total employees, agencies, and levels of compensation. This would eliminate much of the confusion which exists in the state's current system.

Problems cited within the Commission included:

—Conflict with the State Merit System.

—Automatic salary increases for employees whether productive or not.

—Lack of incentives for increased productivity which impedes efficient personnel administration.

—Outside the Commission's standards and guidelines are political "realities" and interference which have come to be so entrenched in state government personnel practices that their impact on the cost and delivery of state services is often overlooked.

Effects of these personnel weaknesses on the overall operation of state government indicate the need for an improved personnel management system, and the MEC recommends the following:

—Reorganize the personnel management system to secure a modern system based on productivity.

—Institute performance evaluation of

It's the loafer's heart that is more likely to cause trouble - not the athlete's heart.

The notion that the athlete's heart is long and unhealthy enlarged has long been exposed as a myth, says the Mississippi State Medical Association.

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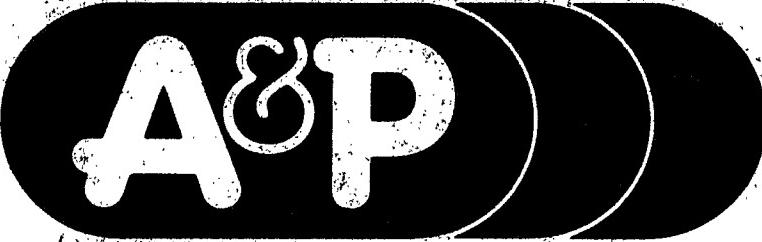
As a result his heart pumps a greater output of blood per minute with fewer beats. It relaxes longer and more completely between beats. The heart works more efficiently at rest and far more capably during activity.

As the body's prime endurance muscle, the athlete's heart enlarges only moderately if at all, and reverts to its initial size when rigorous training ceases. There is no evidence to show that exercise has ever damaged a normal, healthy heart in a properly conditioned athlete.

Hearts are weakened by disease or congenital defects, not by sports. However, considerable exertion is needed to "train" a heart and keep it trained, and this stress can be harmful if disease or defect is present. This is one of the reasons for thorough physical examination of all prospective athletes.

The loafer's heart is only seemingly healthy. Its level of tolerance is geared only to the sedentary life that produced it, and may not suffice at moments of unusual stress, such as fast snow shoveling on a winter morning.

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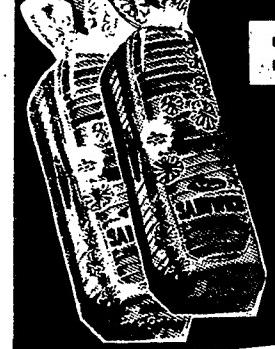
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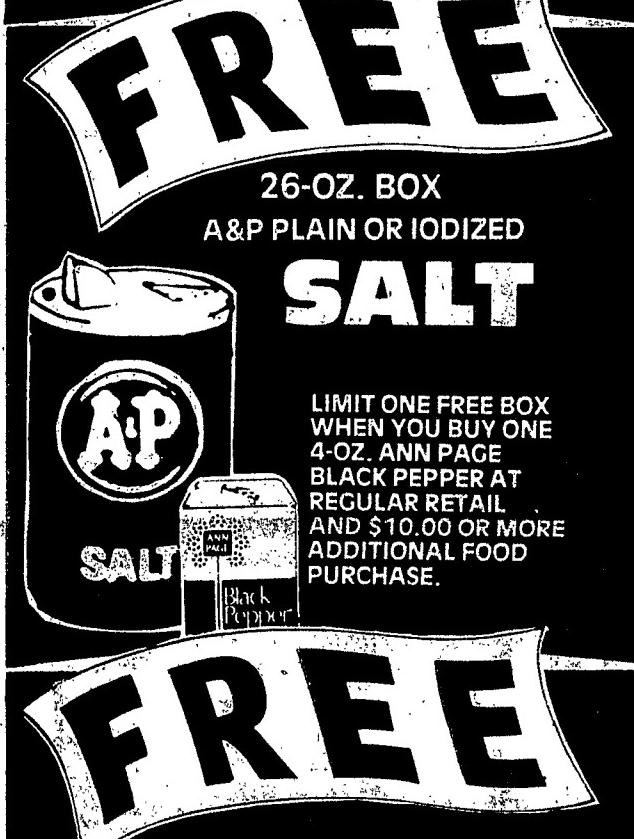
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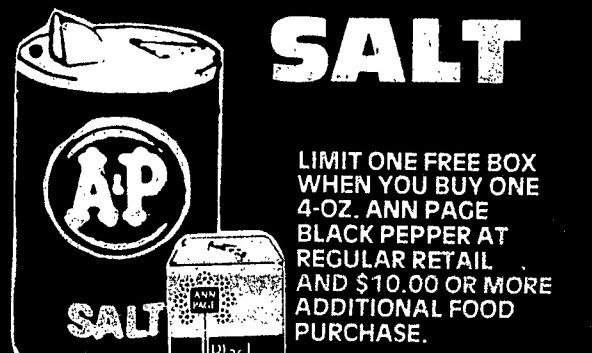
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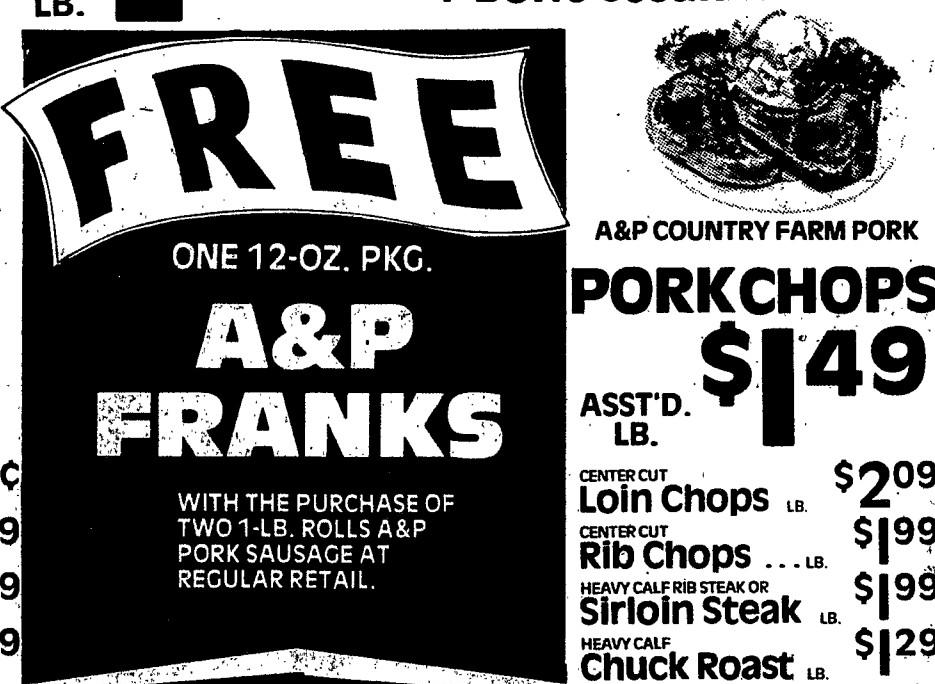
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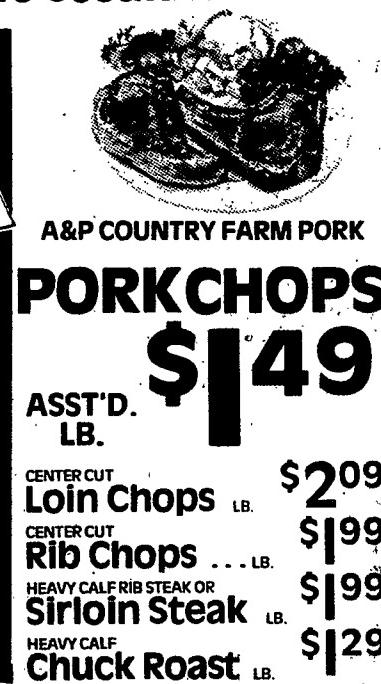
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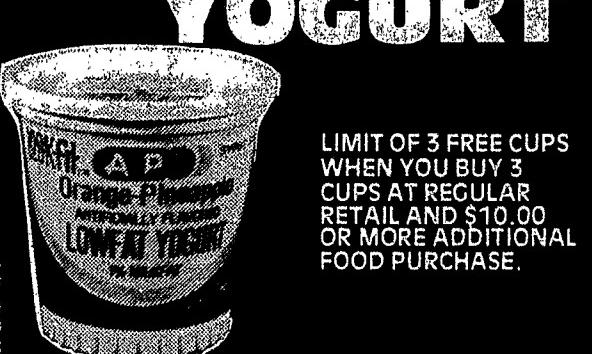
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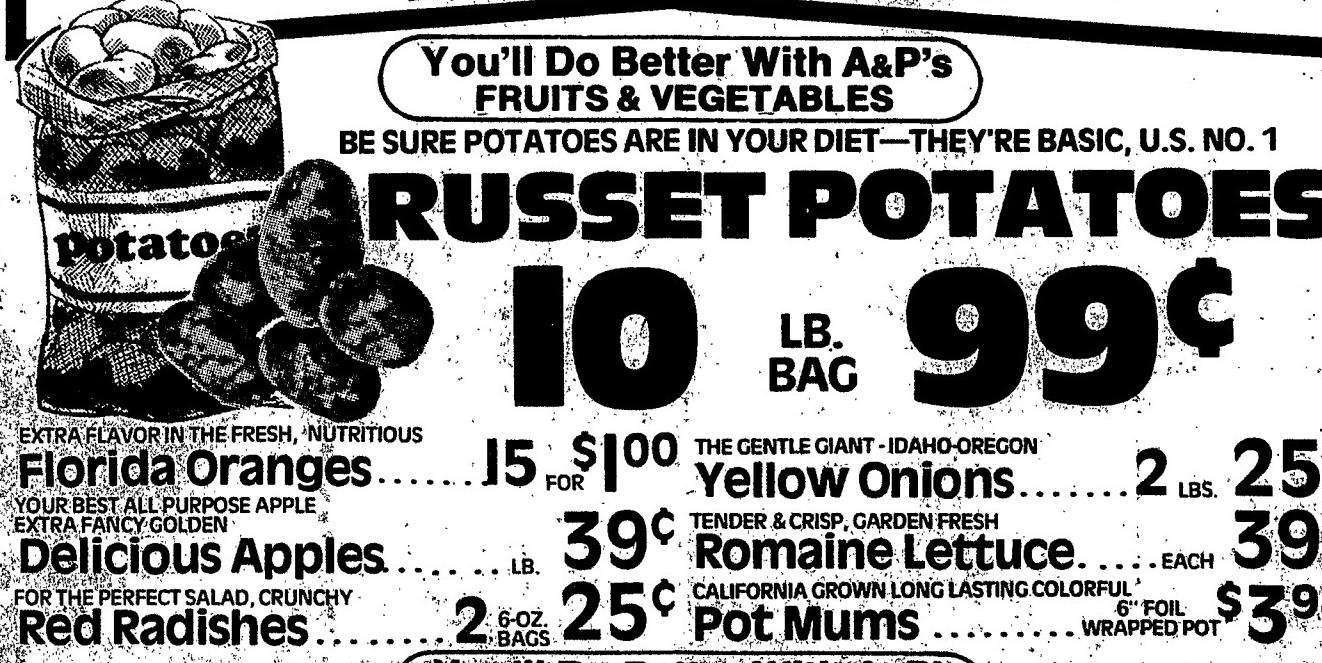
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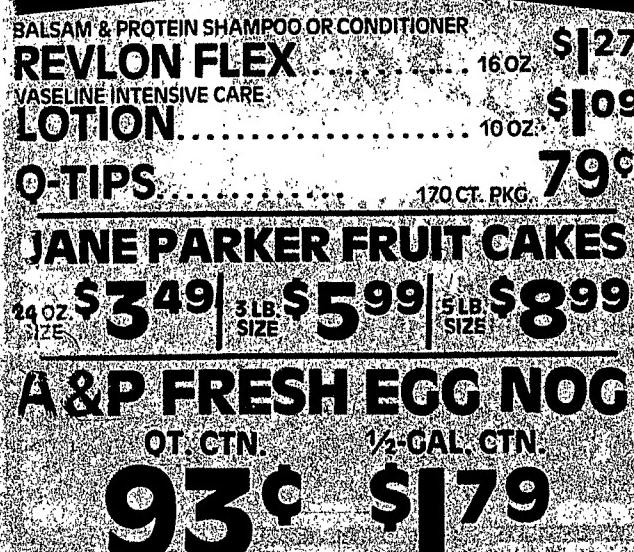
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NEACAISE CROSSING 4-H CLUB - Members and leaders of this club were recognized for their participation in the Community Pride Contest. Mr. Grady Ford, representing Chevron U.S.A.,

presented a plaque and \$25.00 check to the group. The club also received their charter and a plaque from South Central Bell Telephone Company.



OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBERS - Kim Ladner, Tammy Buchanan, and Tangela Lee received outstanding 4-H member plaques from Felix Famularo, right, director of the Hancock County Farm Bureau which sponsors these awards.

Wool promotion program approved

Preliminary results of a recent wool referendum show that 88 percent of the sheep producers in Mississippi favor a wool and lamb promotion program.

Franklin A. Gemin, county executive director of the Pearl River - Hancock County Agricultural Conservation Office, said approval of the program means advertising and other market development activities promoting the sale of wool will be continued

under a new agreement between the Agriculture and the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc. (ASPC). The agreement authorizes deductions of up to 25 cents a pound, from payments made on shorn wool and 12.5 cents a hundredweight on unshorn lambs marketed during 1978 through 1981.

Nationally, 32,689 producers voted in the referendum. Of this amount, 24,752 were in favor of the wool promotion program and 8,037 were

against it. Sheep owned by the producers voting in the national referendum totaled 6,113,113.

The ASPC's official audit of the ASPC's expenditures for wool and lamb promotion last year were about \$2.2 million, the same amount budgeted for the current year.

Sheep producers have approved the lamb and wool promotion by the necessary two-thirds majority in six referendums held since 1954.

Food supplement program funded at \$3 million

Mississippi has been allotted \$2,893,033 for the first quarter of fiscal year 1979 for the operation of its special supplemental food program for women, infants and children (WIC), according to David B. Alspach, Southeast regional administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service.

In addition to the state's allotment, Alspach said the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians was allocated \$81,453 for the same period of time.

Alspach said the allocation was made under a formula announced in Washington by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman. It takes into account poverty, population and health factors.

"It will enable us," Alspach said, "to focus on areas in the greatest need for food assistance."

The WIC program, which is administered by the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service in cooperation with the state health departments, serves pregnant and nursing women, infants and children up to five years of age. To be eligible, applicants must be at "nutritional risk" because of poor or inadequate diet and low income.

Participants get monthly

packages of baby formula or milk, cereal, eggs, cheese and juice.

The public is invited to

comment on the new formula which was published in the Federal Register Oct. 11. They can be mailed to Jennifer Nelson, Supplemental Food Programs Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

VA reports home loan changes

An increase from \$17,500 to \$25,000 as the maximum guaranty for Veterans Administration home loans is one of several important features of the "Veterans Housing Benefits Act of 1978," according to J.L. Dozier, Jackson VA assistant center director for Regional Office.

The legislation, which was signed on Oct. 18 by President Carter, also permits certain severely disabled veterans to obtain a VA grant of up to \$30,000 to buy or adapt a residence to meet their special needs, Dozier said.

VA grants for these so-called "wheelchair homes" were formerly limited to \$25,000.

Dozier pointed out that the new bill should be of special benefit to an estimated 160,000

Vietnam Era veterans because it reduces the length of active duty service required for eligibility for VA home, condominium or mobile home loan guaranty benefits.

Vietnam Era veterans now need to have served only 90 days on active duty - one day of which must have been during the period between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975 - to be eligible for these VA benefits.

"The new law brings the eligibility requirements for Vietnam veterans in line with those for World War II and Korean Conflict veterans," Dozier said.

The legislation also permits VA to guarantee loans for energy-related home improvements, including installation of solar heating and cooling systems.

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Rural areas lacking a primary health facilities could receive assistance in getting them through a new program of cooperation recently started by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, according to Gilbert Montgomery, FmHA's district director for Hancock County.

Assistance is now available under a new cooperative agreement recently signed by Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and Secretary of HEW Joseph Califano.

The program arose from the Carter Administration's concern with improving rural health.

This effort concentrates on creating more primary health care facilities, according to Mr. Montgomery.

It will be concerned with the construction, renovation, and improvement of health clinics, doctor's offices, and other facilities for maintaining and improving health.

HEW officials estimate that nearly 300 primary health centers will receive assistance during the four years of the initial agreement. The FmHA-HEW agreement is part of a larger administration drive which also includes a Department of

The cooperative effort calls for FmHA to provide funds for structures to house health facilities. HEW will provide manpower to staff the facilities and provide operating capital over the term of the loan.

Farmers Home has set aside \$25 million for this nationwide program this fiscal year," Montgomery said.

"Our local offices will receive special training in preparing applications for facilities which meet primary health care needs. These applications will be funded on a priority basis from loan funds held at the Washington headquarters," he added.

Others who handle food after it leaves the farm and before it reaches the consumer, such as processors, retailers, restaurants, each add an amount to the food's cost and the overall consumer price is established.

Thus, farm prices have little direct relationship to the consumer's eventual cost of food.

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Montgomery said.

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Mississippi watermelon

The 1978 watermelon acreage planted is estimated at 13,000 acres, down seven percent from the 14,000 acres planted in 1977.

Harvested acreage is placed at 12,000 acres, equal to the 1977 harvested acreage estimate.

Production from the 1978 crop is estimated at 1,140,000 cwt. for a yield of 9,500 pounds per acre. This is 42 percent above the 1977 production of 804,000 cwt. and is the largest production since the record 1,419,000 cwt. achieved in 1965.

Average yield per acre in 1977 was 6,700 lbs. The value of the 1978 watermelon crop is placed at \$3,659,000, 115 percent above the 1977 figure of 1,704,000 dollars.

The 1978 watermelon crop matured later than normal due to the cool, wet spring weather which slowed germination and growth.

However, the wet spring supplied moisture for good growing conditions after the weather turned hot and dry.

UNITED STATES

Production of the summer quartet watermelon crop is estimated at 11.0 million cwt., one percent above last year. Harvested area is placed at 116 thousand acres, up two percent from 1977. Yield per acre this quarter was 95 cwt. compared with 96 cwt. in 1977 for major states.

Alabama's watermelon planting was on schedule. Lack of rain reduced crop yield below a year ago. In Oklahoma, drought stress drastically cut yields of watermelons across the state.

Community Pride awards were presented to the Neacaise Crossing Club by Mr. Grady Ford of Chevron, U.S.A. Neacaise Crossing Club also received a Community Club award from Joe Davis of South Central Bell Telephone Company.

Twenty eight adult leaders were recognized for their volunteer leadership of the County 4-H Program. Together they contributed 10 years of service to 4-H.

Sponsors and donors recognized were Coast Electric Power Association, Hancock County Farm Bureau, The Branding Iron of Picayune, Chevron U.S.A., South Central Bell Telephone Company, and Foley, Incorporated.

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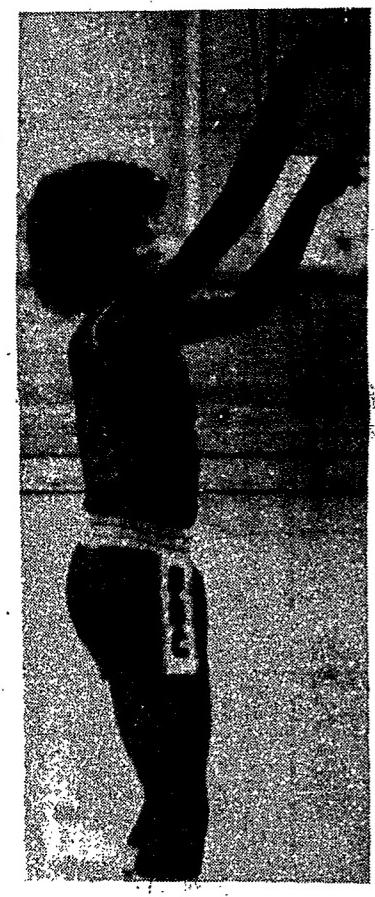
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Area high school basketball schedules



HANCOCK NORTH CENTRAL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 5—Pass Christian.....H
Dec. 11—Stone.....A
Dec. 12—Terrebonne Houma, La. (boys).H
Dec. 12—McGill-Tollis (girls)....H
Dec. 16—Gulfport Prep. at Miss Gulf.A
Dec. 21—O. Hill Academy, Va. Ocala.A
Dec. 22—Vanguard, Ocala, Fl.....A
Dec. 27-29—MGJC/C Holl. Classic.....
Jan. 2-6—Harrison Central Inv. Turney.....
Jan. 6—McGill-Tollis.....A
Jan. 8—Long Beach.....A
Jan. 12—Pass Christian.....A
Jan. 13—Harrison Central.....A
Jan. 18-20—Bay St. Louis Inv. Turney.....
Jan. 22—Long Beach.....H
Jan. 24—St. Charles Desirial.....H
Jan. 30—Picayune.....A
Feb. 2—d'Iberville.....H
Feb. 3—Bay St. Louis.....H
Feb. 6-10—District Tournament.....



BAY ST. LOUIS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 5—Vancleave (JV).....A
Dec. 6—St. Martin (JV).....H (6:45 p.m.)
Dec. 9—Andrew Jackson (girls only)....A
Dec. 12—St. Stanislaus.....H (6:45 p.m.)
Dec. 12—Andrew Jackson (girls only)....H
Dec. 15—East Central (JV).....A
Dec. 16—Long Beach.....A
Jan. 5—St. John.....H
Jan. 9—St. John (JV).....H (6:45 p.m.)
Jan. 12—East Central (JV).....H (6:45 p.m.)
Jan. 16—St. Martin (JV, girls).....H
Jan. 17-20—Bay High Tournament.....
Jan. 22—Pascagoula (girls only)....H
Jan. 23—St. Stanislaus (JV, girls)....A
Jan. 24-27—PRC Tournament.....
Jan. 30—Pass Christian (JV).....H (6:45 p.m.)
Feb. 3—Hancock North Central.....A
Feb. 5-10—District 8 Tournament.....



ST. STANISLAUS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 4—Pearl River Central (JV).....H
Dec. 5—East Central (JV, OLA).....H
Dec. 7-9—Pearl River La. Tournament.....
Dec. 12—Bay St. Louis (JV).....A
Dec. 16—Pearl River Central (JV).....A
Dec. 19—Pearl River La. (JV).....H
Dec. 20—Notre Dame (JV).....H
Jan. 3—Notre Dame (JV).....A
Jan. 6—East Central (JV).....A
Jan. 15—OLV (OLA).....H
Jan. 16—Pass Christian (JV).....A
Jan. 20—St. John (JV).....A
Jan. 23—Bay St. Louis (JV, OLA).....H
Jan. 24-27—PRC Tournament.....
Jan. 29—OLV (OLA).....A
Jan. 30—St. Martin (JV).....A
Feb. 3—Biloxi (JV).....A
Feb. 5-10—District 8 AA Tournament.....



PASS CHRISTIAN BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 5—HNC (JV, girls).....A
Dec. 11—Notre Dame (JV).....H
Dec. 15—Stone (JV, girls).....A
Dec. 27-29—MGJC/C Holiday Classic.....
Jan. 2—St. Martin (JV, girls).....H
Jan. 5—Vancleave (JV, girls).....H
Jan. 9—d'Iberville (girls).....H
Jan. 12—HNC (JV, girls).....H
Jan. 15—Poplarville (JV, girls)....A
Jan. 16—SSC (JV).....H
Jan. 17-20—Bay High Tournament.....
Jan. 22—Stone (JV, girls).....H
Jan. 24-27—PRC Tournament.....
Jan. 30—Bay High (JV, girls).....A
Feb. 1—Long Beach (JV, girls).....H
Feb. 7-11—District Eight Tournament.....

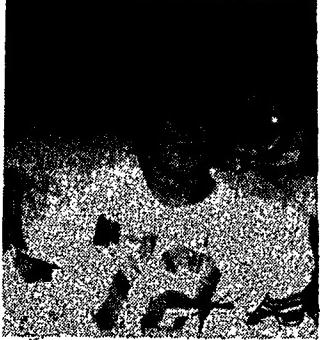
Only two in county

Storey, Ladner named on All-Star roster

By RICH ADAMS

Two Hancock North Central Hawks have been named to a 24-man Gulf Coast Burger King All-Star football team, the only two Hancock County football players receiving the honor.

Hawks head coach Irvin Favre said HNC runningback Greg Ladner and tackle Richard Storey were placed on the team Thursday.



RICHARD STOREY

Storey, a six-foot-three 230-pound senior at HNC, has been a three-year starter for the Hawks and was named best defensive tackle by the all-star committee.



MID-FIELD BATTLE: A St. Stanislaus soccer player, right, and an Our Lady of Victories lineman chase the ball towards the OLV goal in soccer play in Rock-A-Chaw stadium Tuesday. (Staff photo-Ellis Cuevas)

Deer season dates released

The Mississippi Game and Fish Commission Tuesday released a list of all counties and wildlife management areas across the state that will be open to the public for hunting and antlerless deer (deer without horns) during the 1978-79 season. The bag limit on antlerless deer during any season is one per day, two per season, but not more than three per license year.

All areas of the state open to gun hunting for deer, except Alcorn, Humphreys, Tishomingo, and Sunflower counties, are open for hunters to take either-sex deer during the primitive weapons season which extends from December 2-13, 1978.

During this special season all state-operated wildlife areas open to deer hunting will also be open to the harvest of either-sex deer. Hunters using these sites should obtain a copy of that wildlife area's regulations from the Game and Fish Commission and be familiar with the regulations before hunting.

This year, the Commission has set several special either-sex hunts on selected wildlife areas both during and after the regular deer hunting season. They include:

CHICKASAW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. A total of 500 permits will be issued. Names will be selected from cooperating hunters. No additional hunters will be allowed on the area that day. The date is January 26, 1979. Hunters must use rifles no smaller than .243. Shotguns with slugs permitted, but no buckshot allowed.

HOOTAW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. A total of 500 permits will be issued. Names will be selected from cooperating hunters. No additional hunters will be allowed on the area that day. The hunting date is January 24, 1979. Shotguns with slugs only and rifles of .243 caliber and larger, and handguns .357 and larger for hunting.

SANDY CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. A total of 800 permits will be issued there with the

He completed 84 solo tackles this year and had 72 assists, averaging 78 percent in offensive line blocking.

Ladner, one of four juniors named to the all-star squad, rushed for a total of 1,415 yards in 12 games this year.

The six-foot-one 185 pound junior was named outstanding halfback by the committee. He gained at least 100 yards in all but two games during the season.

"Both deserve the honor. They are the two finest players I have ever coached. They are competitors from the word go," Said coach Favre.

"Storey is deciding on accepting a scholarship from Mississippi State University or the University of Southern Mississippi. He is such a hard worker, he only missed two of 80 regular season practices, and those two were because he was sick," he continued.

"It has been a pleasure to coach these two. I can speak for my coaching staff as well...these boys will do a fine job representing the county and the school," Favre added.

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GREG LADNER

"Greg has had a super year as a junior. He accumulated 102 points on 135 carries. He rushed for a total of 1,415 yards. He is one of those Friday night players...he is not enthusiastic about practice, but who is. He gets on the field on Friday night and does a great job," Favre said.

"It has been a pleasure to coach these two. I can speak for my coaching staff as well...these boys will do a fine job representing the county and the school," Favre added.



LONGTIME SOCCER PLAYER AND OFFICIAL: Mr. Bill Hector, member of the Gulf Coast Youth Soccer Officials association goes over rules before a game between St. Stanislaus, right, and Our Lady of Victories Tuesday. A native of Scotland, Hector has been involved in soccer all of his life. "I like soccer because all of the 15 players on a team must play during a game. There are a total of 11 players on each side during a game and every player must play at least one half of the game. There are about 40 youth teams on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and

they play every Saturday at Milner stadium in Gulfport starting at 9 a.m. with games going on five fields at a time. I just moved back to Gulfport from Florida where soccer is real big because of a professional team in the area. I would like to see more schools get interested in soccer on the Gulf Coast. It is a fine sport and one in which any size boy or girl can participate." Hector is employed by PanAm at NSTL. (Staff photo-Ellis Cuevas).

Tigers drop match against d'Iberville

By RICH ADAMS

The Bay High Tigers boys and girls basketball squads dropped a double-header against the d'Iberville Warriors Tuesday, the boys losing 67-50, the girls dropping 57-47.

High scorers for the Tigettes in the opening game were Tammy Roboteau with 12 points and Karen Tillman with 10.

In the second game, the thus far winless Tigers' leading scorer was Thomas Bailey with 16 points.

The Tigers have registered



SOCER ANYONE! Two St. Stanislaus soccer players, right, watch the ball being driven by an Our Lady of Victories player in Rock-A-Chaw stadium Tuesday. Mr. Tom Demboski is the soccer coach for the Rock-A-Chaws. (Staff photo-Ellis Cuevas).

Ross Barnett reservoir open for commercial fishing

Commercial fishing is being allowed on Ross Barnett Reservoir above Jackson in hopes of removing some undesirable fish species and make sport fishing more attractive, according to a statement released Tuesday by Game and Fish Director Joe Stone.

Priority for participating in what is being called an experimental commercial fishing program between December 1, 1978 and February 28, 1979, is being given to residents in a five county area around the 33,000-acre lake.

In a letter to Pearl River Water Supply District Manager Charlie Moak,

Fisheries Chief Barry Freeman indicated that the reservoir's already low water level would concentrate the undesirable fish and make removal by commercial fishermen easier.

"Secondly, if drum, which competes with bluegill, shell crackers, young bass and crappie in their young stages and with bass and crappie in their older stages, continues without any pressure on it, the game fish populations will be seriously affected," the letter read.

In an interview Tuesday Freeman indicated that a maximum of 300 commercial fishing permits would be sold for \$200 each, on a first-come, first-served basis to residents of Hinds, Rankin, Madison, Scott and Leake counties that hold commercial fishing licenses.

"If the residents of these counties do not take up the full 300 permits, then the difference will be selected from residents of the state on the same basis. However, we are allowing only four commercial permits per person," Freeman said.

Applications for permits may be obtained from the Research Lab on Barnett Reservoir or by writing the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission, Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 451, Jackson, MS, 39205.

The forgotten recipe, take a heaping of love, a handful of joy, a whole stick of peace, a container of long suffering, add a lot of gentleness, once all the goodness one can throw in, stir in Faith, Meekness and Temperance. Stir them all together and let them marinate. Then you, my friend, will come up with that Heavenly Manna called Jesus.

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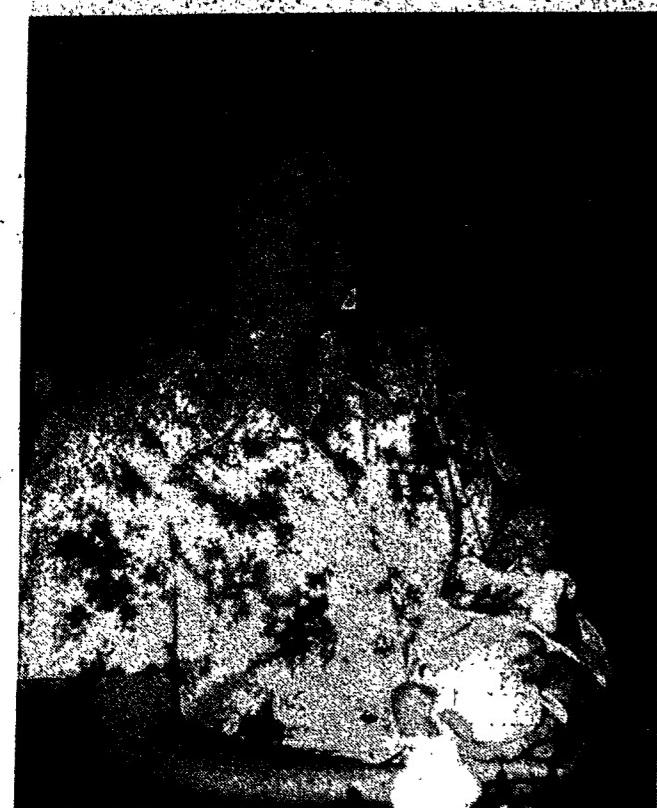
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SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP

The First Baptist Church, Christian Witness, Bay St. Louis, Morning Worship on Sundays at 11 a.m., Evening Worship at 7 p.m.

PENTACOSTAL

The First United Pentecostal Church will be in revival services beginning Sunday, December 3 - December 10, Arnold Street and Old Spanish Trail.

PRESEYTERIAN

Sunday December 3, Sunday School at 9:30, Communicants Class 9:30, Reception of Communicants and new members including adults 10:40, Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Sermon today will be "Are We Playing God?"

MAIN STREET UMC

The Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis holds Sunday services at 11 a.m. preceded by Sunday School at 10 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church of the Pines, Highway 90, Waveland, Sunday Worship Service, 9 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m., each Sunday, Rev. John Helmers, Pastor.

MONDAY

JR. AUX.

The Bay-Waveland Junior Auxiliary will meet Monday, December 4, 9:30 a.m. at Gulf National Bank Civic Room.

VOL. FIRE.

The West Hancock County Volunteer Fire Department will meet Monday, December 4, 7:30 at Pearlington Community Center.

FAIR AND LIVE.

The Hancock County Fair and Livestock Association will meet Monday, December 4, 7:30 at the Fairgrounds.

BOOSTERS

St. Stanislaus Band Boosters will hold a Christmas fund raising social at 7:30 p.m. Monday, December 4, in Knights of Columbus Hall, Main Street.

"It is like a tax rebate explained Cagle, when a production moves into a community and spends a sizeable amount of money."

BRANDY MARIE HOLBROOK, being held by Ms. Cynthia Chatham, R.N. in the nursery of Gulfport Memorial Hospital, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Holbrook of White Cypress. She was born prematurely on September 19 and weighed only 2 pounds, 14 ounces. She is now weighing 5 pounds and three ounces, but due to difficulty with her breathing, she is still a patient of the hospital.

PBS to shoot Faulkner story in Oxford area

Cliff Finch this week reported selection of the Oxford area for filming of a William Faulkner story by Public Broadcasting System.

"The movie industry is proving to be a great benefit to the State," said Governor Cliff Finch.

"Each movie leaves approximately 40 percent of its budget in the State and creates hundreds of jobs for our people," continued the governor.

"This is an industry which does not pollute or destroy the community; in fact it boosts the economy of the area almost instantly."

The states is in the process of securing authenticity by the studios, as well as ways to save money. And, the states have been bidding against each other for this multi-million dollar business, consequently we are

pleased that once again Mississippi has been chosen for the setting of one of Faulkner's books," stated Gerry Cagle, director of the Mississippi Film Commission.

Oxford has been chosen as the natural setting for Faulkner's story "Barn Burning." A New York based company, "Learning in Focus," announced that filming will begin Dec. 4. The film will be made for PBS series entitled "American Short Story."

Cal Skaggs, producer said many parts will be cast locally. Directing the production will be Peter Werner with associate producer Ken Golden.

"It is like a tax rebate explained Cagle, when a production moves into a community and spends a sizeable amount of money."

SSC Band Boosters slate annual social

St. Stanislaus Band Boosters annual Christmas fund raising social to be held Monday, December 4, in Knights of Columbus Hall, Main Street, was the main topic of discussion at the group's meeting Monday night in Brother Romuald Band Hall.

Charles Staehle, president, who conducted the business session, said plans for the event were finalized and added door prizes were awarded throughout the evening.

Tickets for the event at \$1 are available from band members or Band Boosters.

Davis Williams, band

News Briefs

MMA ACTION PROGRAMS

The Mississippi Manufacturers' Association will get its 1978-79 action programs under way with meetings of its committees from November 28 through December 14. All meetings will be held at the MMA headquarters in Jackson, according to MMA chairman Jim Carraway and MMA president John O'Keefe, head of the staff in Jackson.

Local C of C officers to attend state meeting

Executives and Mississippi Economic

President Richard Thomas and Executive Secretary Jerry Benigno will represent the Mississippi Association of Chamber of Commerce.

Homemakers Club elects officers

Mrs. Tuleter Oliver was re-elected president of the New Idea Extension Homemakers Club at the November meeting held in the home of Mrs. Oliver.

Others named to office were Mrs. Marie Price, Peocilla Warner of Yazoo City, vice-president; Mrs. Helen Favre, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Amanda Sylvester, devotional and membership chairman;

Mrs. Carmen Montgomery, publicity; Mrs. Marie Price, citizenship; and Mrs. Verna Barabino, Health and education chairman.

Plans were made for the groups' covered dish Christmas party to be held Thursday, December 14.

Following the business session a crochet workshop was held.

This Week

Compiled By Sandra Marquar

TUESDAY

AMER. LEG.

The Waveland American Legion Auxiliary 77 will meet 7:30 Tuesday, December 5, at the Coleman Avenue.

DAVA

The Disabled American Veterans Association will meet Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 at the DAVA Hall, Main Street.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

The Weight Watchers meet every Tuesday, 8 p.m. Main Street Methodist Church. \$10.00 to join and \$4.00 a week. Millie McBride Lecturer.

YACHT CLUB

The Bay High Chorus will sing Christmas carols and at 5:15 p.m., Mayor Larry Bennett of Bay St. Louis, Waveland Mayor John Longo and Hancock County Board of Supervisors President Alton "Dolph" Kellar will perform the official lighting of the Christmas tree.

WAVELAND

The Waveland City Council will meet Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m. at the Waveland City Hall.

B.S.L. COUNCIL

The Bay St. Louis City Council will meet Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis City Hall.

WEDNESDAY

OVEREATERS

Overeaters Anonymous meets 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Augustine Seminary, US-90, Bay St. Louis.

BSL JAYCSES

The Bay St. Louis Jaycyses meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Gulf National Bank Conference Room, US-90.

CYO

The Bay St. Louis Catholic Youth Organization meeting is each Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the OLG CYO Room.

'THE BIBLE'

Adult religious education program on discovering "The Bible" will be conducted by Father Hissey at White Cypress Infant Jesus of Prague and by Father Walsh and Sister Josephat at Kiln Annunciation at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

AMER. LEG.

The Waveland American Legion unit 77 will meet Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 on Coleman Avenue.

EASTERN STAR

The Eastern Star will meet Thursday, December 14, 7:30 at the Masonic Temple.

LUNCHEON

The St. Clare monthly luncheon will be Wednesday, December 13, 12:30 at the Parish Hall.

COAST GUARD

The Coast Guard Flotilla 33, will meet Friday, December 15, 7:30 at Diamondhead.

LIBRARY

The Board of Directors of City-County Library, will meet Monday, December 11, 8 a.m. at the Library.

VFW

The Bay St. Louis Veterans of Foreign War will meet Wednesday, December 13, 8 p.m. at the VFW Hall.

GUARD AUX.

The Pass Christian Coast Guard Auxiliary will meet Saturday, December 16, 6:30 at the Beach.

MARTHA GUILD

The Martha Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church meets at 10:30 a.m. today, Thursday, at the church.

STORY HOUR

Children's Story Hour is held at 10 a.m. Thursdays at the City-County Library, US-90, Bay St. Louis.

HOS. AUX.

The Hancock County General Hospital Auxiliary will meet Thursday, December 7, 10 a.m. at the Hospital Conference Room.

EXERCISE CLASS

The Buccaneer State Park offers Ladies Exercise Classes, 7-8 p.m., Monday and Thursday in the recreation hall. Bring mat for floor exercises and wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes.

AMER. LEG.

The Bay St. Louis American Legion 139, executive meeting will be Thursday, December 7, 8:15 p.m. at the American Legion Home.

ALTAR GUILD

The Our Lady of the Gulf Altar Guild will meet Thursday, December 7, 3:15 at the church rectory.

LITTLE THEATRE

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will present a three-act drama "And Miss Reardon Drinks A Little" December 7, 8 and 9, 8:15 p.m. each night at the Little Theatre Playhouse on Boardman Avenue.

EXT. HOME

The Hancock County Extension Home Club meeting will meet Thursday, December 7, 12:30 at the Agricultural Center.

HANDCRAFTERS

Clermont Handcrafters will hold its annual luncheon and Christmas party at noon Thursday, December 7, at Scafidi's Wheel Inn Restaurant.

KELN WATER DISTRICT

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown and will cover four topics which relate to the upcoming 1979 legislative session and issues facing local chambers, according to MACCE President Charleigh Ford of Brookhaven.

MOVIES

The Buccaneer State Park offers movies on Fridays, 8:30 p.m. in the recreation hall.

SATURDAY

KELN WATER DISTRICT

The Kiln Fire and Water Protection District will have a representative receiving memberships in the district from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at the Kiln Fire Station.

December 3 - December 17

Coming Events

AARP

The American Association of Retired Persons will meet Monday, December 18, 10 a.m. at the Waveland Civic Center.

DAVA

The Disabled American Veterans Association will meet Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 at the Knight of Columbus Hall.

BUSY FINGERS

The Extension Home Club Busy Fingers will meet Tuesday, December 19, 9:45 at the Agricultural Building.

VFW

The Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary Kiln 6285 will meet Tuesday, December 19, 7:30 at the Post Home.

BOOK MINISTRY

The First Presbyterian Church of Bay St. Louis opens its Book Ministry store featuring books, pamphlets and study materials below retail cost on a variety of interests including biography, Christian growth, personal bible studies, children's stories, maps and greetings from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 12 Saturdays, and 9 to 9:25 a.m. and 12:05 to 1 p.m. Sundays in the church building, 114 Ulman Ave. For more information call Barbara Kinnebrew, 467-3968.

PARADE

The Diamondhead Christmas "Festival of Lights" Boat parade will be held Saturday, December 16, 7 p.m. Christmas party will follow.

EASTERN STAR

The Eastern Star will meet Thursday, December 14, 7:30 at the Masonic Temple.

LUNCHEON

The St. Clare monthly luncheon will be Wednesday, December 13, 12:30 at the Parish Hall.

COAST GUARD

The Coast Guard Flotilla 33, will meet Friday, December 15, 7:30 at Diamondhead.

AMER. LEG.

The Bay St. Louis American Legion 139, regular meeting will be Thursday, December 14, 8 p.m. at the Legion Home.

VFW

The Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary 3253 will meet Wednesday, December 13, 8 p.m. at the VFW Hall.

MARTHA GUILD

Martha Guild will meet Thursday, December 14, 10:30 at Trinity Episcopal Church.

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THREE-ACT DRAMA - Dago and Becky Rotundo are included in the cast of 'And Miss Reardon Drinks A Little' which opens with an 8:15 p.m. curtain Thursday at the Bay St. Louis Little Theater.

Bay Little Theatre presents 'Miss Reardon Drinks A Little'

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will present a three-act drama entitled "And Miss Reardon Drinks A Little" Dec. 7, 8, and 9.

Possibly the fastest production ever to be presented at the Little Theatre with only three weeks rehearsal, "And Miss Reardon Drinks A Little", evolves around three sisters, one an alcoholic, one a self-centered snob, and one who is hopelessly losing her mind.

This play was first presented at the Morosco Theatre in New York City Feb. 25, 1971.

"I can promise you that this play will be a very effective and powerful drama," said Hansel Baeter, producer.

The cast includes Alice Holmes, Sherry Schwabacher, Golde Lister, Mike Cuevas, Gary Byrd, Becky Rotundo, Dago Rotundo.

Curtain will be at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at the Little Theatre Playhouse on Boardman Avenue. Repeat performances are also slated for 8:15 p.m. curtains Friday and Saturday. (Photo courtesy of Bay Little Theater)



THREE SISTERS - Alice Holmes, left; Golde Lister, center; and Mike Cuevas rehearse their roles as three sisters in the Bay St. Louis Little Theater production of 'And Miss Reardon Drinks A Little' opening Thursday at 8:15 p.m. at the group's playhouse on Boardman Avenue. Repeat performances are also slated for 8:15 p.m. curtains Friday and Saturday. (Photo courtesy of Bay Little Theater)

OBITUARIES

FRANCIS BLACKWELL

Mr. Francis Blackwell, father of Zach Blackwell and Mrs. Myrtle E. Books of Bay St. Louis died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1978 in Hayward Calif.

Mr. Blackwell, 63, was buried Saturday at Coalville Cemetery in Harrison County.

Mr. Blackwell, a native of Gulfport, was a retired machinist.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Elsie Blackwell of Hayward; a stepson, Vernon Bond of Fort Walton Beach Fla.; Zach Blackwell; five daughters, Mrs. Norma Jean Seals of Texas, Mrs. Thelma Ladner of Poplarville, Mrs. Caroline Warden of Hattiesburg, Mrs. Frances Lucy Bond of Perkinston and Mrs. Myrtle E. Books; a brother, Hubert Blackwell of Gulfport; four sisters, Mrs. Alice Breeland, Mrs. Hazel Flowers, Mrs. Clonie Warden and Mrs. Della Mc Daniels, all of Gulfport; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

BENJAMIN BRADLEY

The visitation for Benjamin Bradley at the Mount Zion Methodist Church in DeLisle.

Burial followed in St.

Stephen's Cemetery in DeLisle.

Mr. Bradley, a lifelong resident of DeLisle, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1978, at the age of 69.

He was a member of Mount

Zion Methodist Church and the son of the late Artis and Ellen Bradley.

The funeral was conducted

Thursday at the Lang Funeral Home in Gulfport.

Survivors include his wife,

Mrs. Luella Bradley; a son,

Otis Bradley; two daughters,

Mrs. Geraldine Swanner and

Mrs. Ethel Dedieu; all of

DeLisle; four brothers, Curtis Bradley of Pensacola, Fla.,

Joseph Lester and James, all

of DeLisle; 23 grandchildren;

and five great-grandchildren.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in

Gulfport, was in charge of arrangements.

MARUERIETE HAMMONS

Services for Mrs. Marguerite Hammons, 81, were conducted Friday at 10 a.m. at Riemann's Long Beach Chapel, followed by burial in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hammons, widow of Percy Hammons and a resident of 826 East Railroad St., Long Beach, died Monday, Nov. 27, 1978 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Born in Louisville, Ky., she had resided on the Coast since 1940.

She was a member of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gulfport and a member of the Long Beach Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

MRS. EUNICE MCCARTY

Mrs. Eunice Neno McCarty, 86, whose made her home with her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Simpson Sr. at 206 Edward Drive, Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1978. Burial was

Thursday at the Evergreen Cemetery in Gulfport.

Mrs. McCarty, widow of Vincent M. McCarty, was a retired secretary for the division manager of the Mississippi Power Company.

Born in Mobile, Ala., she had resided on the Coast since early childhood and was a Catholic. She was a former member of the Long Beach Garden Club and Gulfport Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. McCarty is survived by several nieces and nephews. The funeral was conducted Thursday at the Lang Funeral Home in Gulfport.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Luella Bradley; a son,

Otis Bradley; two daughters,

Mrs. Geraldine Swanner and

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J. T. Hall Funeral Home in

Gulfport, was in charge of arrangements.

she had resided in Hancock County for forty years and was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis.

She is survived by two sons, Ernest N. Spence Jr. and Carl D. Spence, both of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Walker Davis of Birmingham; and one grandchild. Mrs. Spence was preceded in death by a son, Jack H. Spence, two brothers, Tom Davis and V. O. Davis and her sister, Mrs. Jettie Hutchinson.

Edmund Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of services.

BEN SIMMONS SR.

The funeral for Ben Simmons Sr. was Thursday at Riemann's Long Beach Chapel, followed by burial in the Long Beach Chapel, followed by burial in the Long Beach Cemetery.

MRS. LOULIA SPENCE

A graveside service for Mrs. Loulia Davis Spence was held Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Live Oak Cemetery at Pass Christian.

Mrs. Spence, 82, widow of Ernest N. Spence Sr. died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1978 at her home on Demontuzin Street in Bay St. Louis.

Born in Birmingham, Ala.,

Mr. Simmons, a retired station agent at Long Beach

for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and a resident of 1216½ 7th, Long Beach, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1978 at the age of 90.

Born in New Orleans, he was a member of the Long Beach Presbyterian Church and the Southern Star Masonic Lodge, No. 500, F&AM, Long Beach.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anne E. Simmons of Long Beach; three sons, Ben Simmons and William Donald Simmons, both of Long Beach; a daughter, Mrs. William G. (Anne) Cook Jr. of Jackson; three brothers, Thomas Roger Simmons of Augusta, Ga., Frank Simmons of Mobile, Ala., and John P. Simmons.

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A Review

Elvis impersonator enthralls Bay fans

By GERIMILLS

The music of Elvis Presley lived on in Bay St. Louis Thursday for a large crowd which turned out at a Bay St. Louis Police Department benefit concert starring Charlie Raye in his "Tribute to Elvis."

"As long as people want to hear Presley's music, I'll just keep on singing it - I'm not trying to be Elvis, I'm just singing his music," Raye said.

Raye's manager and backup singer Benjamin J. Smith commented, "Elvis' music should be passed on to younger generations so they may inherit this legacy. After all, Elvis' music is the roots of rock and roll."

The legacy was passed on at the National Guard Armory Thursday night to a crowd ranging from toddlers to grandparents.

Judging by the clapping, stomping and whistling, the show should be considered nothing less than a success.

The performance opened with the Lincoln County group who played such favorites as "Higher and Higher" and "Maria".

Comedy was interspersed between songs making for a creative and original act.

Then came a drum roll and the strains of "2001; A Space Odyssey," Elvis' traditional entrance music as Charlie Raye made his entrance wearing a white fringed jumpsuit.

Included in his numbers were "Suspicious Minds," "Proud Mary" and a medley of Elvis hits during which he passed out scarves and kisses to the ladies of the audience.

For a finale he sang "Dixie," causing the audience to rise from their seats and stand for the duration of the song.

The first member of the audience to receive a scarf and a kiss, Mrs. Judy Bergeron of Waveland, said, "The show was fantastic. I only wish more people could have seen it. It was very good and certainly worth every

penny."

Bay St. Louis Assistant Police Chief Frank Hess, event chairman, was pleased with the turnout. Proceeds from the concert will be used in part for equipment not supplied to the department by the City of Bay St. Louis.

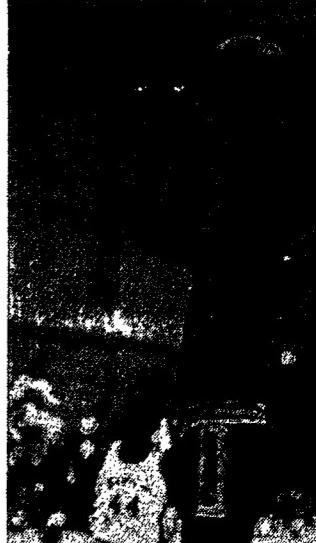
Bay Police Chief Douglas Williams reported the show netted \$375, estimating attendance at 175 to 180 people.

Williams said the police department would donate \$100 of the profit from the show to the "Jaws of Life" fund drive currently being conducted by the Hancock County Firemen's Association.

The other \$275, the chief says, will go to improve the police department sitting room.

Chief Williams expressed gratitude for the volunteers who helped make the concert a success, among them Assistant Chief Hess and his wife Carol; Larry Ladner; Lily Bermond; Tony Lansford; Dave Sellier; Gwynn in Frederick; and Hancock County Sheriff's Deputies Dennis Lynch and James Lee.

"Much can be accomplished if we work together and people lend a hand to improve the city of Bay St. Louis," Chief Williams added.



JUMP SHOT - Rock-A-Chaw Chuckie Vincent, No. 20, shoots for two points. Vincent scored 10 points in the game. (Staff photo-Ellis Cuevas)

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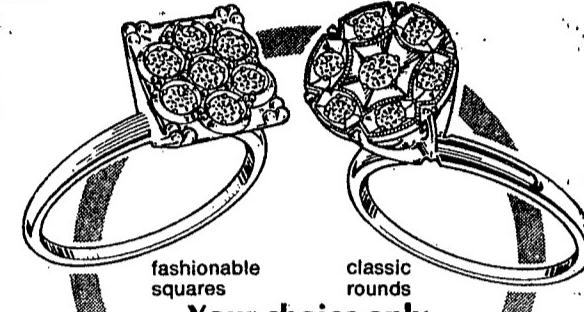
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ISAIAH 9:6

'Merry Christmas' is said many ways

Our modern jet age reduces long-distance miles to minutes and it is not uncommon to hear of someone having breakfast in Paris and dinner in Rome.

One can be assured, moreover, that anywhere you go in the Christian world, the spirit of Christmas exists. Holiday greet-

ings, when offered with sincerity, are understood instantly, no matter what the language.

Here are a few ways to say "Merry Christmas" to individuals in foreign lands: Bohemia, *Vesele Vánoce*; Bulgaria, *Chestita Kóleda*; Croatia, *Sretan Božić*; Denmark, *Glaedelig Jul*; Wales,

Nadolig Llawen; Ukrانيا, *Sroždestvom Krisovym*; Spanish-speaking countries, *Feliz Navidad*; Portuguese-speaking countries, (Portugal and Brazil) *Boas Festas*; Poland, *Weselych Świąt*; Italy, *Buon Natale*; Germany, *Frohliche Weihnachten*; France, *Joyeux Noël*; Ireland, *Nodlaig Mhaith Chugnat*.

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CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS—Angela Summers puts finishing touches on a Christmas bulletin board display at Bay Catholic Elementary School. The kindergarten class decorated the room with Christmas cut-outs and made red and green paper chains. (Staff photo-Rich Adams)

HOLIDAY CUSTOMS 'ROUND THE WORLD

The joy that pervades the Christmas season throughout the world is evident in beautiful ethnic customs.

Sweden's Christmas season begins December 13th, the feast of St. Lucy. A young girl dresses as the beloved patron, with a crown of candles upon her head. A festive breakfast of cake and coffee is served and signals the start of the holiday season.

The French and French Canadians largely continue the practice of attending Midnight Mass. The service is followed by an elaborate supper with family at home.

Christmas Eve's first star indicates the time to begin the customary holiday meal, or Wilia. The elaborate dinner, breaking a pre-Christmas fast, is served in the midst of a straw-filled room. An empty place is kept at this manger-like setting, for the Christ Child.

Italians recreate the nativity scene in homes and churches with a "Presepio." The colorful tablau depicting the manger



scene, is set in a place of honor during the holidays.

Norwegians create a special "Christmas Tree," gleaned from a shaft of grain and bound to the top of a pole. This gleaning tradition remembers birds in a special way. Cattle are also remembered at this time with special fodder.

The meaning and joy of Christmas survives today through these treasured customs. These rituals serve as a constant reminder that there is no other celebration as wonderful as Christmas!

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The association of holly and Christmas is derived from the Druids of early British history. The plant was considered sacred (named for the word "holly") and it was thought the sun never deserted the holly tree. In many parts of Europe, sprigs of holly were later used in decoration to commemorate the birth of Christ.

Early Europeans believed holly repelled all evil spirits and was a protection against lightning. In parts of England, it was considered unlucky to leave holly in

your home after New Year's Eve. Others believed, to ward off misfortune, holly must be removed before Shrove Tuesday and burned in the same fire in which pancakes were then baked.

A popular superstition followed that prickly hollies were present in homes where husbands were in command. If smooth-leaved hollies decorated the home, the wife dominated.

In more modern times, holly leaves and bark were used to cure various ailments.

American Indians brewed holly tea to restore good appetites and keep warriors healthy in battle. Indian women wore sprigs of holly during childbirth to ease pain and assure delivery of a healthy infant.

Dahoon holly was popularly used by American settlers in North Carolina to purify swamp water.

Historians consider legends of the past to be the beginning of the present-day symbol of good will, the beautiful Christmas holly.

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American Indians brewed holly tea to restore good appetites and keep warriors healthy in battle. Indian women wore sprigs of holly during childbirth to ease pain and assure delivery of a healthy infant.

Dahoon holly was popularly used by American settlers in North Carolina to purify swamp water.

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The Story of the Sad Little Shepherd Boy

One night, many hundreds of years ago, a little shepherd boy was feeling sorry for himself.

This little shepherd was feeling sorry for himself because he wasn't snuggled in his bed at home... instead, he was on a cold hillside on the outskirts of Bethlehem, trying hard to keep warm as he helped his father tend sheep.

Usually the boy's older brother went out in the evenings with the father; the younger boy had the much more pleasant task of tending the herd during the day. Then it was fun — he could run and play with the other shepherd boys or tell stories of marvelous deeds.

But, tonight the older brother was away on a visit and so the little shepherd boy had been called upon to fill in for his brother.

"Tending the flock at night is no fun at all," the young boy thought to himself as he drew nearer the fire to warm his hands. Besides, he was sleepy! By now he would have been sound asleep in his own bed at home, with his dog curled at the foot of the bed. As it was, he felt very sorry for himself, indeed.

The boy looked up at the stars, trying to remember all the names his father had taught him. He saw that one star was especially bright and thought, "I've never noticed that one before!" He called to his father, further down the slope. "What is the name of that star?" The boy's father looked toward the heavens and stood, gazing

ing, for many moments before he called to other shepherds at the edge of the flock. They were all puzzled by the appearance of the bright star and the little boy felt as though he had made a discovery. From time to time, he would look up from his father's flock to gaze at the star.

It was getting harder and harder to stay awake, however, and before long the boy was startled by a shout from one of the shepherds. The man pointed toward the heavens, where a dazzling light met their gaze. That light now became an angel before their astonished eyes!

The little shepherd was filled with fear... he had never heard of such a thing, much less seen it! Even the boy's father and the other shepherds were afraid. But, the angel reassured them. "Be not afraid," it said. "For behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." And the angel told the awestruck shepherds that they would find the Babe in a manger, wrapped in swaddling cloths.

Then, an even more wonderful sight — suddenly, there were hundreds of angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

Then, as suddenly as they had appeared, the host of angels were gone. The shepherds stood there, dazed. At last, one of them spoke:

"Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." The others quickly agreed and set about toward the town of Bethlehem.

No longer sleepy, the little shepherd ran to keep pace with his father and the other shepherds. Cold and sleepiness were all forgotten as he helped to hurry the flocks down toward the little town. At last they came to the cave sheltering the newborn Babe.

The shepherds entered that humble cave as though it were a splendid temple, and the little shepherd boy did not have to be told to kneel when he saw the Infant, wrapped in strips of cloths and lying in a manger, just as the angel had told them. How beautiful the Babe was! How young the mother, smiling

so tenderly at her Child. How devoted her husband, looking after the mother and the tiny Infant.

Speechless at first, the shepherds began to talk all at once, describing to Mary and Joseph the vision of the angels. Only the little shepherd boy was quiet, gazing all the while at the Infant Jesus.

Later on, he would tell his friends all about it. They would listen to the story of the angels and the Babe in the manger over and over, and never tire of hearing it.

And the little shepherd boy would never tire of telling that story... and he would never, ever feel sorry for himself again!



A Holiday quiz for youngsters

Do you have the "Christmas Spirit"?

Here's a Merry Christmas quiz! Fill in the blank spaces with the letters needed to spell the answer to each question. Compare your answers to those below to find your score.

1. Frosty the _____
2. Green leaves in a circular shape: _____
3. Jesus was born in the town of _____
4. Santa lives at the Pole: _____
5. Rudolph, the Red-Nosed _____
6. You find these under tree: _____
7. Small white crystals of frozen water are _____
8. _____ to the World!
9. A heavenly creature with wings: _____
10. The Holy Child's mother, _____

SCORE

10 to 7 correct — Full of Christmas joy!

4 to 6 correct — Fairly "Merry."

1 to 3 correct — Needs more Christmas spirit!

10. Mary.
Snow, 8. Joy, 9. Angel,
3. Bethlehem, 4. North,
5. Reindeer, 6. Gifts, 7.
1. Snowman, 2. Weather,

ANSWERS

The Christmas Tree

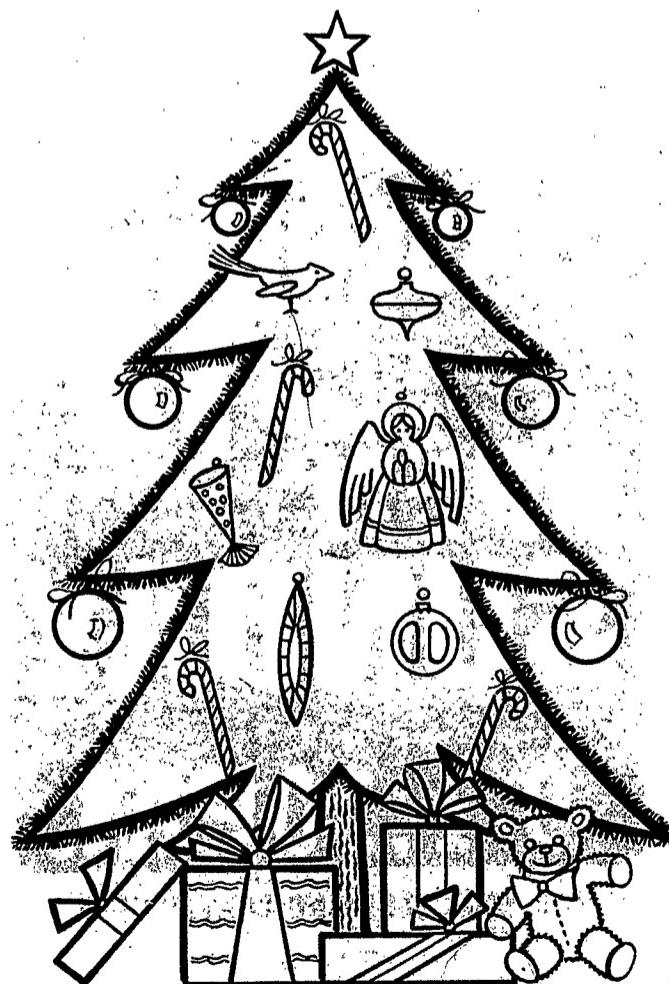
In Germany, the *Tannenbaum*, or Christmas tree, is decorated with hand-carved toys amidst great secrecy. On Christmas Eve, lighted candles are placed on the tree, to the delight of youngsters.

In Poland, lighted candles are also traditional on the Christmas tree, along with brightly colored paper ornaments.

Don't Open Until January 6th

In many countries, Christmas celebrating continues until January 6th, which is known as Twelfth Night, the feast of the Epiphany or Three Kings' Day.

Because this is traditionally the day that the Wise Men presented their gifts to the Christ Child, many countries exchange their gifts at this time.



Kids! Color the Christmas Tree!



Happy Holidays to All



Beloved Carols Add to the Joy Of The Season

There is melody in the air, resounding in song. Christmas is the perfect time for musical expression! Many popular holiday songs were originally written to impart the knowledge of the birth of Jesus and the meaning and merriment of Christmas. These songs became known as "carols," derived from the French word "carole," meaning round dance. Early carols were simple songs with primitive dance accompaniment.

The first documented American Christmas carol is thought to have been written for the Huron Indians by St. John Brebeuf, a French missionary. This carol, now translated to English, remains part of Christmas song and dance in modern Quebec, Canada.

The custom of Christmas caroling dates back to the 16th century when singing groups traveled from home to home, wishing friends and neighbors the best of the season. Though greeting cards have replaced the necessity of in-person greetings, the tradition of door-to-door caroling is still widely practiced today.

Group singing is now included in religious and other services — emphasizing the importance of Christmas carols and their contributions to the spirit of the holiday season.

Most of us would agree that Christmas and the whole world is brighter and more meaningful when music is used to express the beauty of this holy and happy Yuletide season.



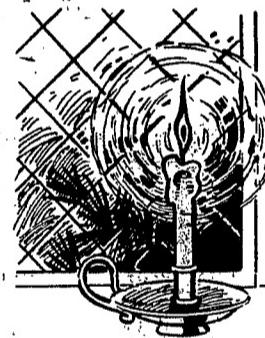
Legends of Christmas

Christmas brings to all a sense of wonder and admiration. These feelings are kept alive through the beautiful legends explaining many holiday traditions.

The story of the poinsettia takes place in Mexico in a little town where the custom was to offer Christmas Eve gifts to the Christ Child. A poor young boy, too shy to go to church without a gift, knelt outside the church window and began to pray. When he rose to his feet, he noticed a beautiful red

flower growing in the spot where he had knelt. Suddenly, he realized the lovely blossom was a gift from heaven to answer his prayers! Quickly, he took the flower inside the church and laid it before the altar. To

this day, the poinsettia is known in Mexico as the "Flower of the Holy Night."



Another Christmas legend explains the robin's red breast. It is said that the robin pulled a thorn from Christ's crown in an attempt to relieve some of the pain of the crucifixion. In doing so, a drop of blood fell on the robin's chest, and remained there forever.

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The many ways of gift giving

The practice of exchanging gifts at Christmastime may be connected with a similar ancient Roman practice on New Year's Day.

However, most theologians trace the custom to gifts brought to the Infant Jesus by the Wise Men.

Dutch children fill wooden shoes with food and water for St. Nicholas and his horses. On Christmas morning, good children find that Nicholas has filled the shoes with small toys and candy. Bad children find them stuffed with sticks, however.

Italian children look to the Magi themselves for gift bringing. On January 6th, the Three Kings, or a helpful "witch," Befana, will leave treats for those who are good and tricks for the bad.



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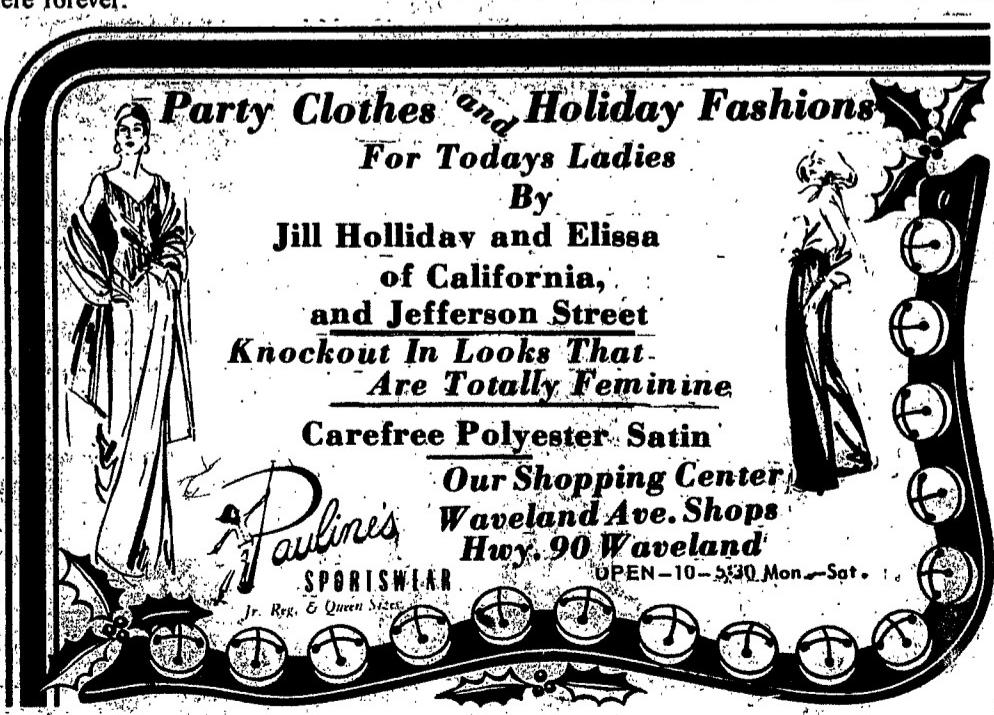
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Old World traditions still observed in the United States

Christmas in America reflects the ancestral legacy of many nations. Customs representing different traditions, widely practiced today, add a special joy and richness to this happy season.

For instance, popular eggnog is a descendant of British 15th-16th century "Syllabub," a mixture of wine and creamed milk. And, traditional European Christmas "hunts" usually brought home a main course pheasant or turkey — the latter is still the most popular holiday meal choice here in America.

In addition to "the hunts," firearms were used to convey season's greetings, as shots rang out with holiday cheer. Today's well-wishers find holiday greeting cards a quiet replacement!

During the Christmas season, the San Miguel Mission in Santa Fe, New Mexico is one of the many places presenting "Las Posadas," a play relating the story of the Holy Family's search for lodging. This tradition comes to us from Mexico. Sacred Spanish dramas of the middle ages, depicting humanity's struggles against the devil, are also part of New Mexican Christmas celebrations.



A Colonial Christmas is observed in Williamsburg, Virginia, beginning with the Grand Illumination of the city. A torch-carrying, drum-thumping band precedes the "town crier" who beckons residents to light window candles. The ornate celebration continues through the final weeks of December, culminating

New Year's Day with the cutting of "The Queen's Cake" at The King and Queen Dinner. A generous family meal is served to welcome the New Year.

In Greek Orthodox churches throughout America, children's pageants relating the Nativity story or other Christmas themes, are enhanced by Christmas carols from the old country.

In the Ozarks, mountaineers still retain the Old Christmas Day in January, long discarded by England, where the custom originated. And everywhere throughout America the Christmas tree, imported from Germany, is a brilliant example of Old World customs that add to the splendor of Christmas in the New World.



Food customs gathered from around world

Among the greatest pleasures of the holiday season are the many delicious foods prepared at this time.

Old World recipes make Christmas meals and holiday parties truly special. Handed down from generation to generation, such festive treats are holiday traditions in many American homes as well.

Austrians are famous for creating Salsburger Nockerl. Like a souffle, the

lemon-flavored egg-and-butter cake should be served straight from the oven. Topped with powdered sugar, Nockerl is a delightful breakfast or dessert treat.

Steam-baked Regal Plum Pudding is a British holiday tradition. The bread, suet, fruit, and nut mixture is generally baked in a decorative mold, making a lovely centerpiece before serving.

Popular Norwegian treats at Christmastime are the cookies known as "Medal-

jer," or medallions. These cherry-decorated cookies and butter cookies are Norwegian favorites for the holidays.

Although the Greek Christmas Day begins with fasting, evening dinner is by no means a meager meal. "Ovo-Lemono," a savory egg-lemon soup, is served with Christoposomo, an elaborately shaped yeast bread that's a must in every Greek household at holiday time.

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Santa known by many names in myth and magic of Christmas

The whole history of Santa Claus and other enchanting gift-bringers is one of unusual and changing variety, adding to the myth and magic of Christmas.

Santa Claus himself is thought to be a fusion of Saint Nicholas and an ancient Yule God. The Saint was a 4th Century Bishop of Myra, a town in Asia Minor. Patron of sailors, bankers, and maidens; legend states that Nicholas saved the three daughters of an impoverished father from a life of probable prostitution by providing them with gold dowries. Hence, his association with gift-giving.

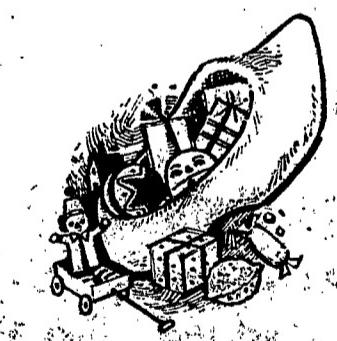
Good Saint Nicholas was not only well-wishing. He, and certain other versions of the Christmas gift bringer, had and sometimes still have, an accompanying servant to punish naughty children.

Bavarian children look forward to a December 6th visit from "Knecht Ruprecht," carrier of Saint Nicholas' holiday sweets. Candy is distributed to good children, while spankings

are received through "Grumbles," a devilish figure carrying sticks in order to accomplish his painful task. Formal presents are brought by the "Christ Child" on December 25th. The Christ Child, or "Christkindl," is supposed to be a messenger appearing on behalf of the about-to-be-born Jesus and is thought of as a girl.

In Holland, St. Nicholas becomes Sante Klaas. Children put out before the fireplace a pair of shoes or clogs filled with hay, water, and carrots for the Saint's white horse. The next morning, they find the shoes filled

with candy and little presents, or birch-rods, depending upon their behavior. The Christ Child also rides through the streets, bring-



ing surprise gifts to unsuspecting households.

In the U.S.A., "Christkindl" became verbally slurred to Kriss Kringle, and also changed shape into a "Father Christmas" figure — a bearded man with sleigh and reindeer bringing gifts and good cheer to all.

Sweden's children serve porridge to "Father Christmas" (Jultomen) and his elfin friends (Julnissar) who bring gifts (Julkalapp) in unusual ways. Gifts containing several layers of wrapping and dedicatory verses are thrown through windows and sometimes brought by strangers.

The process of gift-giving continues in much variation around the world. Italian children receive gifts from The Three Kings and Befana, an old woman searching for the infant Jesus. A black Santa Claus parades yearly through Harlem, New York. Finland's present gift-giver is the moustached, unbearded, Ukko, an old man in caps and furs. In Poland, a traditional "Mother Star" brings gifts and in Hungary, children look to the angels for their presents.

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How the best-loved carol was given to the world

One of the most revered Christmas carols in the whole world emerged from the small village of Obendorf in the Austrian Alps. On Christmas Eve, 1818, Father Joseph Mohr listened to Franz Gruber, the church organist, attempt to repair his prized instrument — broken beyond repair. It seemed there would be no music for the traditional midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

Soon the song left the remote Alpine Valley. Karl Mauracher, who eventually repaired the church organ, requested a copy of the song. He gave the carol to a group of child singers, Amalie, Andreas, Caroline, and Joseph Strasser. "Silent Night" was among the songs these children sang to attract customers at the great Leipzig fair.

While visiting the fair, Saxony's famous director-general of music, Herr Pohlenz, heard the children and invited them to sing the lovely song before the King and Queen on Christmas Eve, 1832.

The acceptance of the carol, given to the world through the voices of four small children, was immediate and widespread. For all, the beauty of "Silent Night" remains part of the magic and tradition of Christmas.

When he finished, he told Gruber, "Write some music for my new poem, Franz. Simple music you can play on the guitar. Organ or no organ, we're going to have

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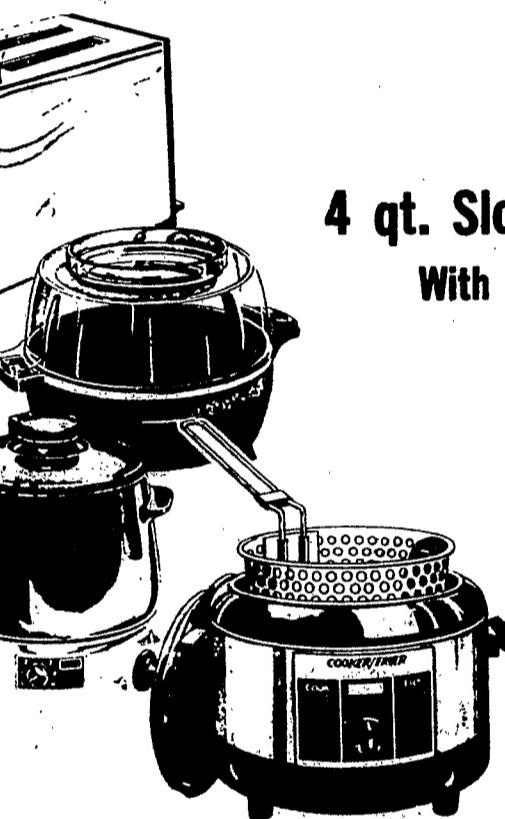
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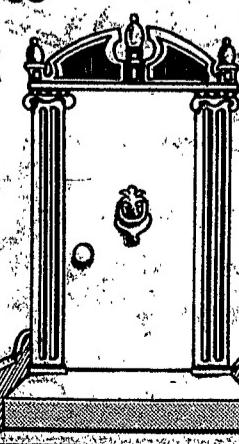
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